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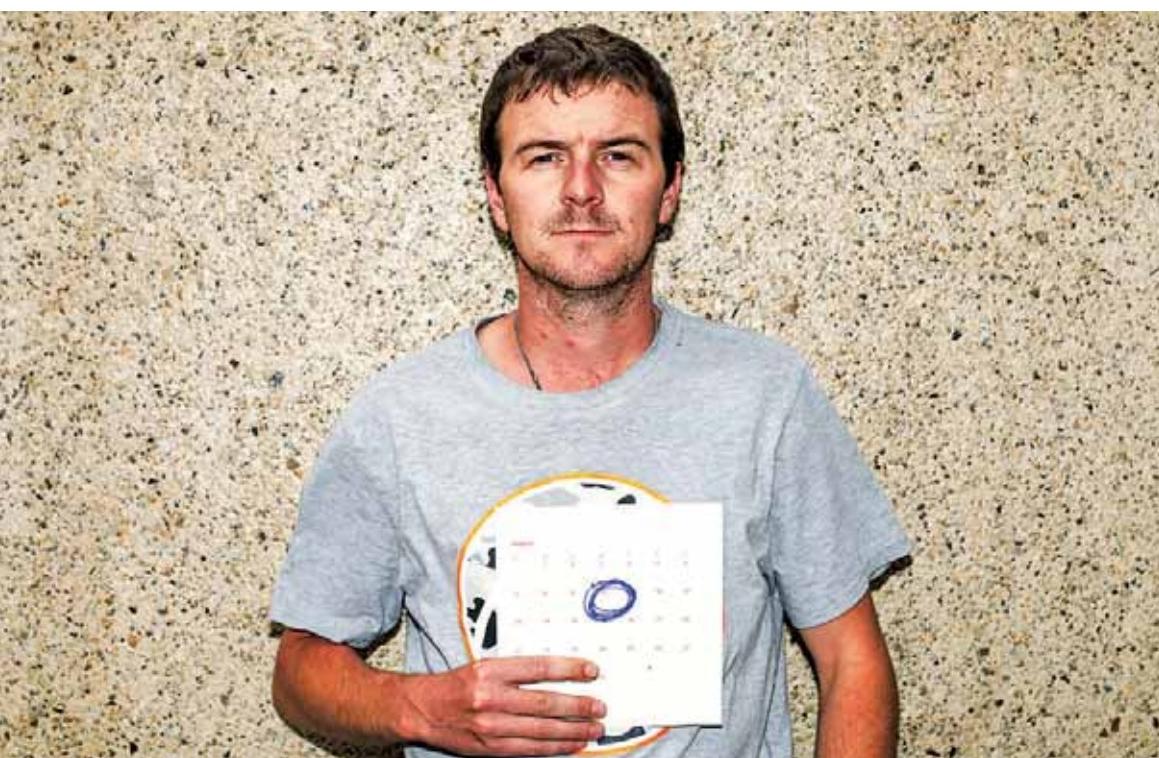


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Deportation countdown

David Farrell came to Canada four years ago from Ireland and has helped build Rogers Place. He applied to become a permanent resident back in 2012, and after a legal saga, he says he's going to be deported on Aug. 10. See **metroNEWS**. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Mosquito levels low

PESTS

But city is 'one big downburst' away from bug onslaught

 **Braeden Jones**
Metro | Edmonton

The mosquito situation in Edmonton has been quiet this summer. Almost too quiet.

Indeed, Mike Jenkins, a biological-sciences technician and a 24-year veteran of the city's mosquito-fighting team, says our bug-free days could change quickly.

During his time chasing mosquitos, he says he's seen many relatively mosquito-free periods like the city is seeing this summer.

And then, boom.

"Just last year it was quiet like this, and we wound up with a mosquito-filled August," he said. All it would take, he added, is "one big downburst."

"Mosquito levels right now are remarkably low and have been for the past month due to lack of rainfall," he said. "We haven't had the precipitation to recharge the habitats where larvae are developing."

Dry soil and thirsty plants have soaked up water that would normally provide blood-sucker breeding grounds.

"It would take a good, long, soaking rainfall to fill those shallow depressions that normally collect water," Jenkins said.

If it happens, Jenkins and his crew are ready to spray these depressions and wet areas to keep the city mosquito-free.

"We will mobilize our forces and attack those larvae before they become adults," he said.


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Advocates eye VanCity's new marijuana rules

MEDICAL POT

Legalization of dispensaries is a model for other cities

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

An Edmonton man is eyeing new municipal rules for medicinal marijuana in Vancouver as he feels they could eventually spread to Edmonton and help him open a dispensary without breaking laws.

Earlier this month, Vancouver city council passed regulations and zoning restrictions for medical marijuana dispensaries, the first in a major Canadian city. Many pot advocates feel Vancouver's rules are the first step toward further legalization for medical marijuana, and could spread across Canada, despite the ongoing resistance by the federal government.

The man, who asked his name not be used, is the president of Edmonton's Mobile Access Compassionate Resources Organization Society (MACROS), and said the group is now a member of the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries (CAMCD), which has advocated for Vancouver's changes.

"The Vancouver model is a

stepping stone in my opinion," he said. "I was very happy there will be some sort of regulations that we can follow so that law enforcement doesn't have to come here."

He said MACROS joined the dispensary association because eventually, when laws allow, they would like to open a dispensary in Edmonton.

The director of CAMCD, Dana Larsen, said his organization provided some suggestions for the Vancouver model and he believes it will spread across the country.

Larsen said he knows the federal government will push back against marijuana dispensaries, but he hopes for a change in government this fall.

He said even if the Conservatives are re-elected dispensaries will come. "If we see a change in government it will happen all the faster," he said.

He said the association formed to bring standards to the industry and make sure it is regulated, safe and doesn't sell to children.

"That's really how you become a member — you confirm and you prove that you are following these guidelines."

City spokesperson Shani Gwin said they have received one application for a licensed grower, but no applications for dispensaries. She said they have no plans to bring in zoning rules for marijuana dispensaries, because they aren't permitted under federal law.



Don Briere, owner of 15 Weeds Glass & Gifts medical marijuana dispensaries, displays some of the marijuana for sale at one of his locations in downtown Vancouver on May 1, 2015.

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'CRAZY TOWN'

Lawyer facing citations

An Edmonton-based lawyer's complaint about comments Ezra Levant made in a March 2014 article has led to citations against the one-time Sun News opinion columnist, who's also a lawyer.

Levant's column, titled "Crazy Town," crossed a line in the eyes of at least one of his legal peers.

Complainant Arman Chak — elected to the law society's board in November 2014 — said he filed the complaint against his fellow lawyer shortly after he was made aware of the article.

On Thursday, the Law Society of Alberta issued citations against Levant — a non-practicing member — for his comments regarding the Alberta Human Rights Commission.

Chak was unable to speak to the complaint or citations, as they deal with unproven allegations and are therefore confidential under the Legal Profession Act.

The hearing to review the citations has not been scheduled. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

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Irish worker laments end of his Canadian dream

IMMIGRATION

Unfiled papers ruled out his chance to stay, man claims

 **Ryan Tumilty**
Metro | Edmonton

An Irish worker could be forced to leave Edmonton because of what he claims is a mistake by his immigration lawyer — a mistake, he said, that will see him have to sell a house, vehicle and boat in less than a month's time.

David Farrell, 28, has been in Edmonton for four years, working in the construction industry as a heavy equipment operator, including work on Rogers Place, but said he will now have to leave Canada by Aug. 10, when his current work permits expire.

He first arrived on a working holiday visa and then stayed as a temporary foreign worker and eventually decided he wanted to stay permanently.

To do so, Farrell said he hired Edmonton's Tarrabain Law to prepare a permanent residency permit application, in 2012.

But, Farrell claims, his lawyer with the firm failed to file the paperwork for nine months, and he got no updates from the lawyer until 2014, when he also claims the firm

apologized for not filing the application and rushed another into the system.

Metro made multiple attempts to seek comment from Tarrabain Law, but was told they could not speak about Farrell's case due to solicitor-client privilege.

None of Farrell's claims have been proven in court.

Farrell said he desperately want to build a life here.

"I wanted to become a Canadian, big time. I was never as happy at home in Ireland," he said.

"I loved every moment of being here. I didn't want to go anywhere else on holidays."

Farrell is an equipment operator. When he first attempted to put in his permanent residency application into Canada's immigration department, in 2012, he said that career was in high demand.

But, he said, when the firm submitted his application last year, demand for equipment operators wasn't as strong, weakening his application for permanent residency.

Canada's immigration system values certain occupations above others, depending on labour market conditions and other factors, and awards applicants points. Applicants applying for jobs in high-demand occupations receive more points and are therefore more likely to be approved.

Farrell bought a home in Beaumont with a friend, a large truck, a boat and a host of other



David Farrell says he will have to leave Canada by Aug. 10 and he blames a law firm he hired to prepare his permanent residency application. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

things he is now trying to sell in a fire sale.

He said his friend is buying him out of the home and he is optimistic he'll sell the truck, but the financial impact has been hard.

"It has bankrupted me. It has totally bankrupted me."

I wanted to become a Canadian, big time ... I loved every moment of being here. I didn't want to go anywhere else on holidays.

David Farrell

POLITICS

Losing not so bad: PCs

A senior member of the Progressive Conservatives says the party's historic defeat in May might be exactly what was needed to change.

Troy Wason, a board member and vice-president with the party, said he worried he was witnessing the end when his party's 44-year hold on power ended in the May election, but added that he's seen signs of life emerging ever since.

"I haven't seen this kind of excitement or this kind of motivation to change things," Wason said.

The PC party ran up a considerable debt during the campaign and new restrictions on corporate donations will cut into its fundraising ability.

But Wason said that while many pundits might be writing the party off, its members seem prepared to work.

"The whole idea of rolling up the tent doesn't seem to be part of my mind right now and it doesn't seem to be part of the people who I'm talking to," he said.

"I certainly feel there's room for the Progressive Conservative Party, but not the way it was even six months ago. It has to be a member-driven organization."

Wason said losing will allow the party to take stock, consider new policies and listen to members.

"That is the kind of thing we haven't been able to do. It has been leader driven and the membership has followed."

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Jodie Leslie

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Needles to Vinyl

Canadian singer/songwriter Jodie Leslie is currently working on her third studio project to be released in 2016 with Todd Robbins (Kelly Clarkson, Trisha Yearwood, Garth Brooks). Jodie has performed throughout Canada, the US, & in Europe, as well as performing at the 2012 Grey Cup in Toronto
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The James Cornwall house is up for sale but a crowdfunding campaign is hoping to put the property in the hands of a non-profit. COURTESY LESLIE CHIVERS

Campaign to save historic property

GROAT ROAD

1912 James Cornwall home on sale for \$1.6M

 **Stephanie Dubois**
Metro | Edmonton

McDougall United Church, Molson Brewery, the Canada Permanent building, the Arthur Davies house: all are examples of historic properties either threatened or destroyed in Edmonton.

The latest member of the group is the 1912 James Cornwall home, along Groat Road, which is up for sale for \$1.6 million and could be developed for infill or demolished.

Built for Cornwall, a former MLA, the home has become an important symbol for many in Edmonton, according to Leslie Chivers, who's trying to save the home.

"Edmonton is not a very old city so houses like this are not plentiful," said Chivers, who has a crowdfunding project in hopes of buying the property and giving it to a non-profit to operate.

"As we start to get rid of

these houses which were owned by people who helped build this city, we start to lose some of the history we've come from. Once they're gone, you can't get them back."

Shirley Lowe, a former city historian, said the home was an important part of the historic fur trade in the city.

She added that there's a need to preserve other buildings like the one along Groat Road as the city expands.

"Because we see ourselves as a fairly new city, and we're always trying to reinvent ourselves, that we just need to stop and just be ourselves," said Lowe.

ANIMAL RIGHTS

Humane Society to help rescue one million cats over five years

More cats will have the chance to find their "fur-ever" homes after the Edmonton Humane Society announced they've joined a North American effort to save the lives of one million cats over the next five years.

The EHS is the first shelter in Western Canada to join the Million Cat Challenge, a campaign launched in the United States with the goal of managing cat populations across North America. The campaign is based on five ideas — an emphasis on

spaying and neutering, reducing euthanasia, alternatives to shelter care, rehabilitating feral cats and streamlining admission and adoption procedures.

"The objective is to lessen the stress on the shelter and increase our capacity for care," EHS Director of Advancement and Social Enterprise Travis Grant said. "The result is that through this efficiency, you actually save more lives."

One of the goals of the program is to find homes for cats

previously unable to be adopted out.

The EHS is at capacity with cats between the months of April and December. The shelter currently has 400 cats and kittens in their care, with about 80 available for immediate adoption.

"Right now, we are in a crisis ... and we want to make sure that the community, if they're thinking about adopting a cat, (know that) now is the time," Grant said.

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BIODIVERSITY

Alberta researchers part of global study

Five University of Alberta researchers were recently involved in a global initiative to identify a rule governing how grassland plant diversity varies with local productivity.

One of the researchers, U of A's Dr. Edward Bork, said if the goal of the project is confusing to some, the findings might make more sense.

"Basically that plant species diversity is generally strongest at intermediate (plant biomass)

levels," Bork said.

He explained that the findings clarify how natural systems operate, and will be useful in grassland biodiversity conservation.

"You want to have that diversity because it's insurance," he said. For an example he talked about the way diversity could help reclaim former grasslands in a city like Edmonton.

"If you plant 10 (species) and seven fail, three have made it and you have something on the

site... that's the risk aversion component," he said.

In a larger area like Jasper National Park, the research could be used to identify "hotspots for biodiversity" and assist in overall conservation. For producers, Bork said the research could be applied to reduce economic risk. He said a grazing field with increased biodiversity would stabilize production, potentially even in drought conditions with the right plant species.

"In terms of increasing our broad scale understanding of how these ecosystems work globally, this (research) is extremely important work," he said. "It creates a potential unifying understanding of the relationship."

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Thanks to low amounts of rain and hot days, three counties in Alberta, including Parkland, are facing the prospect of having to declare an agricultural disaster.

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Farmers declare disaster

AGRICULTURE

Drought hits province, hay and pasture suffering most

From drought to grasshoppers, it's been a tough year for Alberta farmers, with some counties declaring states of agricultural disaster.

"We are just incredibly dry, drier than we have been in approximately 50 years," said Garrett Broadbent, Leduc County's director of agricultural services.

The county has called a special meeting for July 21 to declare a state of agricultural disaster. Two other counties - Parkland and Mackenzie - have already done so, and several others are considering following suit.

"From pretty much seeding, we haven't had any significant rainfall," said Broadbent. "Our municipality wants to bring awareness to this at the provincial and federal levels."

Large swaths of Alberta have experienced low rainfall since April, with many areas receiving well under 40 per cent of normal precipitation.

"Our annual crops, cereals, oil seeds, are really starting to suffer," said Broadbent. "Our pasture, hay lands are really, really suffering."

The dry conditions have also allowed pests like grasshoppers to flourish, with parts of Leduc county plagued by the insects.

"In areas where the grasshoppers did hit, whatever was standing was hit really hard," said Broadbent. Of all the crops, hay and pasture land have suffered most, with an average of 55 per cent of crops rated as poor across Alberta. The figure rises as high as 81 per cent in the northwest.

That's where Mackenzie County sits, and it was the first county to declare a state of agricultural disaster in late June.

County reeve Bill Neufeld said officials made the declaration in an attempt to get help for cattle farmers who rely on those crops to feed their herds. He wants government action on possible feed subsidies because feed costs keep climbing, or tax deferrals for ranchers when they sell their cattle so they can rebuild herds later.

There could be some relief in the days to come for parts of the province, with 40 to 60 millimetres of rain forecast in the hardest-hit areas.

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Friday

K-Days Parade: Starting at 106 Street and 102 Ave. at 10 a.m. The marketing behind what was once Klondike Days, then The Edmonton X, and now back to K "But Don't You Dare Say Klondike" Days is a bit confusing. Regardless, it's a parade.

The Culture Collective "Support the Stage" First Annual Fundraiser: Runs from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Latitude 53. Culture Collective nights are always fun and bound



Taste of Edmonton is just one of the events you might see Douglas at this weekend.

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to contain surprises. This time we get a variety show, silent auction, dance party and arts market — all to raise money for the stage.

The Olm/Pot Cop/Old Booth: Starts 9 p.m. at Bohemia, located on 10215 97 Street. Dave Ferris, who created the Endless Bummer music festival, puts on great shows with local talent, with a bit of fondness for analogue

tape hiss, string instruments, or warped sounds. This show's only \$5, and you're in for something off most people's radar.

Saturday

SMUTfest15: At Harcourt House (10215 112 Street), running from 4 p.m. until late. Last summer's standout film and art festival returns for its second year of celebrating ourselves, our bodies, sexuality and (a

genders.

S.N.F.U. 30th Anniversary show: Union Hall, 6240 99 Street at 8 p.m.

Weird Al Karaoke: Cha Island (10332 81 Ave.) at 9:30 p.m. No longer a small secret, and Cha Island reaches capacity quickly, you'll want to speedily get a spot to watch the show and not miss this.

Sunday

Edmonton Community Garden Bike Tours 2015 at the Muttart Conservatory from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. A great Sunday activity through some of the city's hidden beauty.

Edmonton Food Fight 5: the Taste Edition at Churchill Square at 6 p.m. Finding its natural home in Taste of Edmonton, these four chefs will compete to make do with wild and foraged food and out-do each other in creating the most interesting dishes possible in an hour.

Saturday and Sunday

Slide the City to Grierson Hill. Operated by the same group as the Color Me Rad runs, with the same knack for marketing people's own enjoyment back to themselves, this event is nearly sold out but probably well worth attending just for the spectacle.

"How to Douglas" is a weekly collection of good things: events I think will be good in Edmonton this weekend, music I think you should enjoy and things you'd hate to miss if you only had a couple days in town.

MIKE ROBERTSON

Hosting Weird Al Karaoke

Comedian Mike Robertson co-hosts Weird Al Karaoke this weekend. We had a chat. This is what he said.

Douglas Dollars: Can you imagine what it's like being a song parody artist who isn't 'Weird' Al Yankovic?

Mike Robertson: It's strange that there is only one Weird Al, there are none others who make parody music on the same level as he does. YouTube has, however, allowed anyone to become a low-rent Weird Al, because anyone can write a parody, post it online and then sell the MP3 on iTunes.

However I have yet to see a parody on the internet that matches Weird Al's attention to detail, as well as his cleverness. His newest album in 2014 was a big deal, if only to see how he would compete with the YouTube parody "artists" out there. He evidenced multiple times throughout the album why he is the king.

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Senator to undergo review

GOVERNMENT

Ethics officer to review harassment allegations

The Speaker of the Senate says the upper chamber's ethics officer has been asked to look into Sen. Don Meredith over the results of an investigation into how he treated his office staff.

Leo Housakos publicly confirmed in a short statement Thursday morning that Meredith has been told he will undergo an ethics probe.

Housakos says he and other top senators on the Senate's internal economy committee felt it was "imperative" the investigation results be referred to ethics officer Lyse Ricard.

Depending on the outcome of the latest ethics review, Meredith could face penalties ranging from a forced public apology on the floor of the Senate — which is

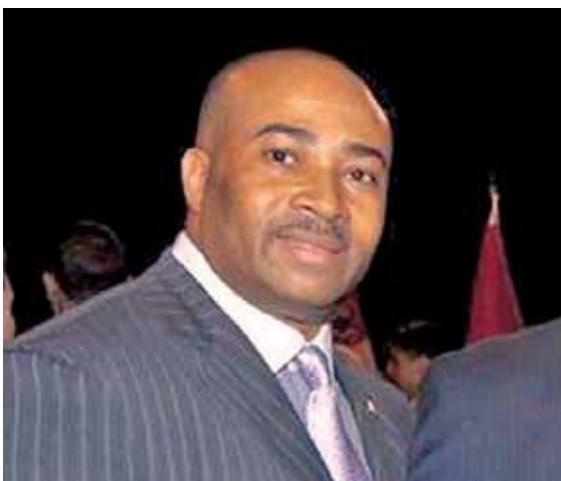
the punishment for former Conservative Pierre Hugues Boisvenu when he was found last year to have violated the Senate's ethics code — to suspension without pay.

Sources told The Canadian Press Wednesday night that six former staffers who spoke with outside investigators made allegations of workplace harassment against Meredith, saying he was a bully, rude and unprofessional toward his staff.

There are also allegations of psychological harassment and sometimes making irrational demands of his staff.

The allegations in the investigation report remain unproven and none of the staffers who took part, nor any whose stories are included in the report, wanted to file a formal complaint against Meredith, sources say.

The Senate first ordered the investigation into Meredith's office in February after top senators, including former Speaker Pierre Claude Nolin, witnessed what they felt was a troubling



The upper chamber's ethics officer has been asked to look into Sen. Don Meredith. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

turnover of staff in Meredith's office. The Senate's internal economy committee called in outside investigators to speak with former staffers and Senate human resources officials as well

as Meredith himself.

Six staffers who left Meredith's office in the last four years and spoke with investigators are not identified in the report and only took part on the condition that

their names be protected.

The investigators' report has not been made public.

The former Conservative senator who now sits as an independent has not returned multiple requests for comment left for him on his Senate cell phone and at his Richmond Hill home Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Meredith is already under investigation by the Senate's ethics officer after published allegations last month that he had a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old girl.

The woman told Torstar News Service that Meredith initially believed her to be 18, but she told him her true age within six weeks of the pair's first meeting at a Black History Month event at a church in Ottawa.

The Torstar report said the woman, who is now 18, had sexually explicit online chats with Meredith and that the relationship progressed to kissing and touching before she turned 18.

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IN BRIEF

More evacuees head home in Saskatchewan

More evacuees were heading back to their homes in northern Saskatchewan as firefighters gained the upper hand on wildfires threatening some towns and reserves.

Evacuation orders were lifted Thursday for several communities including Montreal Lake, Weyakwin and La Loche, a village of about 2,600 people.

About 1,000 residents returned Wednesday to other areas, including Pinehouse and Turnor Lake-Birch Narrows.

A higher-than-average number of fires this season forced about 13,000 people out of their homes in about 50 communities over the last three weeks. Fires have destroyed about 90 homes, many of which were seasonal cabins.

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FACEBOOK

Tories enjoy country music

You might say they're a little bit country, a little bit Christian.

That's the profile that emerges of Conservative party supporters based on the books, music, movies and television shows they "like" on their Facebook pages.

Facebook Canada has analyzed the cultural preferences of Canadians who indicate support for one of the parties and it's found that Conservatives are a relatively unique breed, having little in common with Liberals, New

FAVE FLICKS

God's Not Dead, The Fast and the Furious, Son of God, Transformers and Heaven Is For Real

Democrats and Greens whose preferences often coincide.

The top five Conservative musical faves? Country singers Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood,

George Strait and Brad Paisley and Christian rock band Casting Crowns. The Conservative predilection for Christian themes is reflected in their choice of movies, books and films as well, although they're not averse to a comedy or action flicks.

New Democrats and Greens both like The Daily Show, This Hour Has 22 Minutes and Democracy Now! and both put The Lord of the Rings in their top five movie picks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ART

Racy mosaic raises eyebrows

A deceptively innocent-looking piece of art that actually includes graphic photographs of naked women having sex is raising eyebrows with Ontario's Progressive Conservatives, who say it should not be on display in a government office tower.

Sacred Circle VI by French-Canadian artist Rosalie Maheux is part of a collection of works by artists under the age of 30 on display in the lobby of an Ontario government office block in downtown Toronto.

The artwork looks like an interesting mosaic from a short distance, but a closer view shows the piece is composed of what many would consider pornographic pictures of women engaged in various sex acts.

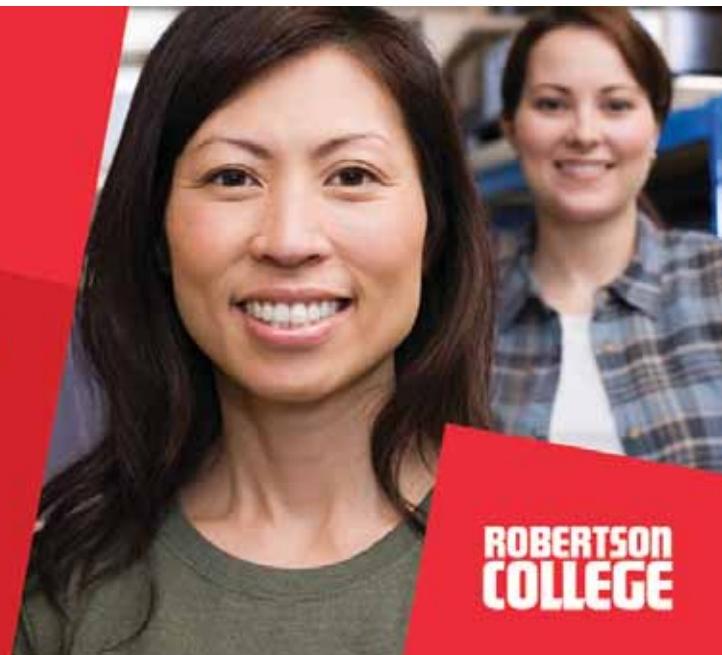
Maheux did not respond to requests for comment, but in a news release issued by the gallery she defended her work as a feminist comment that was meant to be beautiful from afar but jarring up close. "The use of pornographic images in the creation of these highly detailed patterns goes against the original meanings of the sacred circle by creating an ambiguous dialogue between attraction and repulsion, a common duality in pornography as well as in certain religious thoughts," said Maheux.

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Eateries stung by soaring food costs

FOOD AND DRINK

Restaurants contemplate raising prices to stay afloat

Canadians grown accustomed to paying more for groceries shouldn't expect to find cheaper prices in restaurants.

Quarterly figures from Restaurants Canada suggests that 65 per cent of the country's eateries report their food budgets are higher than they were at the same time last year. They say soaring prices for beef, pork and produce are eating into razor-thin profit margins. In order to keep up, 54 per cent of restaurants say they're expecting to raise their menu prices some time in the next six months.

That's up slightly from the previous quarter when 50 per cent of restaurants responding to the organization's outlook survey planned to raise their rates.

Spokeswoman Joyce Reynolds says restaurants don't make such decisions lightly, since price increases are an almost surefire way to keep business away.

"It's an extremely competitive industry, and they have

It's an extremely competitive industry, and they have very price-resistant customers.

Joyce Reynolds, restaurants spokeswoman

very price-resistant customers," Reynolds said in a telephone interview. "When they try to increase their prices, they find that customers aren't willing to pay them."

Food prices have been climb-

ing in recent months with the cost of beef causing particular consternation.

According to Statistics Canada data released earlier this month, the price at slaughter for 100 pounds of Alberta beef rose to

\$192.80 in May. That's a 36 per cent jump from May 2014 and now stands as the highest price on record. StatsCan figures also suggest the surge is not limited to domestic meat products.

The May consumer price index found that overall food prices had jumped 3.8 per cent from where they stood a year earlier. The year-over-year spike covered all food products.

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Health-care protesters outside a meeting of Canada's premiers in St. John's, Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premiers to feds: Boost health funds

Canada's premiers are asking the federal government for more health-care funding, saying an increase would help transform the existing health-care system and offset the impact of an aging population.

A statement from Premier Paul Davis of Newfoundland and Labrador says the premiers are asking Ottawa to increase the Canada Health Transfer to cover at least 25 per cent of all health-care spending by the provinces and territories.

The statement released by Davis's office after Thursday's Council of the Federation meeting in St. John's says that each province and territory faces similar challenges, including increased overall health-care costs, a rising need for home and palliative care and support for "informal" caregivers.

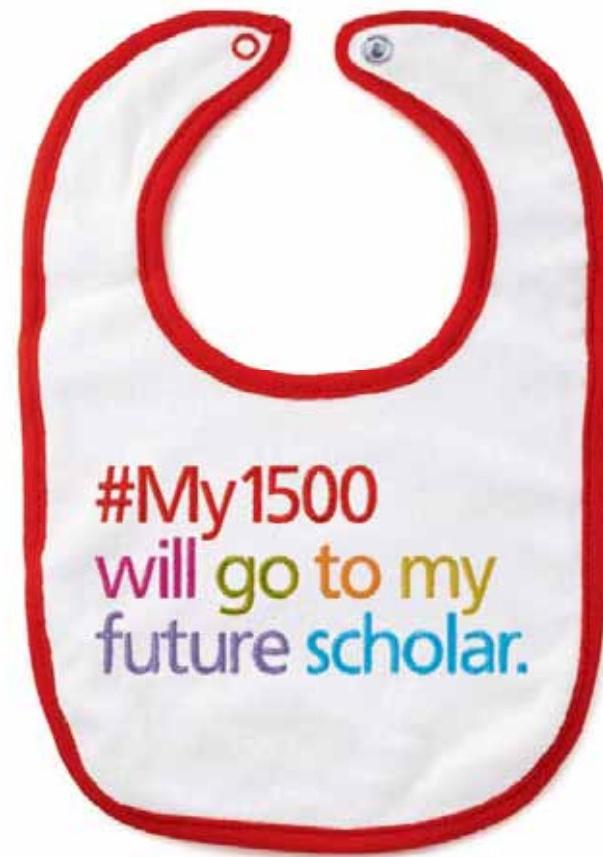
"Premiers discussed the ... growing financial pressures population aging will have on their governments, particularly

regarding health care," reads the statement. "These financial pressures reinforce the need for the federal government to increase its funding for health care."

An emailed statement from Health Minister Rona Ambrose's office says the Conservatives have transferred the highest amounts in history to the provinces and territories for health care and are on track to reach \$40 billion annually by the end of the decade.

It says Ottawa will provide \$27 billion for health care over the next five years, and health funding was being increased at a higher rate than the provinces were spending it.

Outside the meeting, a small demonstration called attention to medicare funding. Debbie Forward, president of the Registered Nurses Union of Newfoundland and Labrador, said the federal government is not paying its fair share for health care. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Polar bears not resilient to climate change: Study

ENVIRONMENT

Research refutes theory bears can save energy and fast

A study of an Alaska polar bear population in summer concludes the bear's biology will not help stave off starvation in the face of global warming.

The study of southern Beaufort Sea polar bears by university, federal and private researchers over three years concludes they have no special ability to minimize energy loss during increasing periods of fasting brought on by climate warming, less sea ice and fewer hunting days.

The research rejects the idea that polar bears can avoid harmful declines in body condition in a sort of "walking hibernation," as suggested by 1970s research.

Co-author, Steve Amstrup, a retired U.S. Geological Survey polar bear researcher now affiliated with Montana-based Polar Bears International, said the "walking hibernation" theory arose with observations of bears at Canada's Hudson Bay.

The paper published Thursday in the journal *Science* instead concludes that polar bears have no such ability to conserve energy and react like all other mammals when faced with limited food.

"We haven't known until now whether bears really reduce their metabolism in summer, which, if they did, may have offered a limited buffer from some of the negative effects of ice loss," said lead au-



A polar bear cub nuzzles its mother in Wapusk National Park on the shore of Hudson Bay near Churchill, Man., in 2007 JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

thor John Whiteman of the University of Wyoming.

Fasting is a way of life for many animals. For polar bears, fasting can last eight months.

Their main prey is ringed seals. Hunting is most successful from April to July when seals use sea ice for rearing pups and molting.

In months following, ringed seals spend most of their time in water. Some polar bears re-



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Steve Amstrup, polar bear researcher

treat to land, where feeding opportunities are limited, or stay on sea ice that in recent years has retreated far north of the

shallow, biologically abundant outer continental shelf.

Using helicopters launched from a Coast Guard icebreaker,

researchers sampled bears on summer sea ice.

"This paper gives us the first solid understanding of polar bear metabolism in summer, especially out on the sea ice over deep water far from shore, where bears have never been sampled before," Whiteman said.

The study found that activity and temperature patterns recorded for polar bears in summer were not comparable to patterns for hibernating bears in winter dens.

The patterns were typical of food-deprived mammals rather than hibernating mammals, Amstrup said.

Karyn Rode, U.S. Geological Survey research wildlife biologist in Anchorage who was part of a polar bear fasting study published in 2012, said the new study confirms that "walking hibernation" does not accurately describe polar bears' energetic status in the summer.

"It's definitely a different line of evidence that further supports that they can't conserve energy when they're fasting," Rode said.

Additional studies are coming out, but scientists say it's already clear what needs to be done.

"We already know the answer to the question, 'What do we need to do to save polar bears from extinction?'" Amstrup said.

"All of the studies in the world won't help us there. If we don't deal with greenhouse gas emissions, those of us who have been studying polar bears for our whole lives will be nothing more than polar bear historians."

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OIL SANDS Major spill in Alberta

A pipeline at Nexen's Long Lake oilsands project in northeastern Alberta has failed, spilling an estimated five million litres of bitumen, water and sand.

The company, which was taken over by China's CNOOC Ltd. in 2013, said the affected area is about 16,000 square metres, mostly along the pipeline's route.

The company and the Alberta Energy Regulator say it's too soon to say what might have caused the leak.

AER spokesman Peter Murdoch said it's been contained. "They've effectively stopped the source of the release, so that's good news," he said.

Nexen said the spill was discovered Wednesday afternoon.

The company is investigating how long the pipeline was leaking before it was shut off, spokesman Kyle Glennie said in an email.

A portion of the Long Lake operations has been shut down, but Nexen did not disclose production figures.

So far, there has been no reported harm to the public or wildlife. The regulator is requiring Nexen to implement a wildlife protection plan in the area.

The emulsion has not flowed into a body of water, but it did spill into muskeg, the AER said.

Officials with the regulator are on site to assess the situation, start investigating and ensure Nexen meets safety and environmental requirements during the cleanup.

As provincial premiers talk about ways to streamline the approval process for new tar sands pipelines, we have a stark reminder of how dangerous they can be," Greenpeace said in a news release about the latest spill. The Nexen spill is one of the bigger ones in recent years.

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Astronauts dodge debris

SPACE STATION

Team seeks shelter from space junk in Soyuz capsule

A piece of space junk forced the three space station astronauts to seek emergency shelter Thursday.

For nearly an hour, the American and two Russians hunkered down in their Soyuz capsule, which is docked to the International Space Station, in case they had to make a quick getaway. The fragment from an old Russian weather satellite ended up passing harmlessly, about 3 kilometres away.

"Happy there was no impact," NASA astronaut Scott Kelly said via Twitter. "Great co-ordination with international ground teams. Excellent training."

It's only the fourth time in the 16-year history of the space station that a crew has had to rush into a Russian Soyuz for protection from potentially dangerous debris. The exact size of the object was unknown, according to a NASA spokesman.

Normally, NASA learns



Astronaut Scott Kelly sits in a Soyuz simulator at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, Russia, earlier this year. BILL INGALLS/NASA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

about incoming junk sooner, and the space station moves out of the way. But there wasn't time for that Thursday; the crew was notified just 1 1/2 hours in advance.

The three men were already up and working when Mission Control ordered them into the Soyuz on Thursday morning.

They did not need to put on their Soyuz flight suits, and there was no rush, said

Happy there was no impact.
Scott Kelly
via Twitter

NASA spokesman Dan Huot. The all-clear came 1 1/2 hours after the initial alert, around 8 a.m. It took the astronauts more than an hour

to get their 400-kilometre-high home back to normal operation, following the "shelter in place," as NASA calls it. Research work that was interrupted will be rescheduled, according to Mission Control.

Kelly and his Russia roommates, Mikhail Kornienko and Gennady Padalka, are getting used to junk in their neighbourhood.

Twice since the trio arrived in March, the space station

has had to dodge pieces of orbiting debris, in April and June. Three more men are due to arrive next week.

The last time a station crew had to jump into their Soyuz for protection was in 2012.

Space junk is at an all-time high because of all the clutter in orbit, the result of accidentally colliding spacecraft, exploding satellites and rocket stages, and deliberate run-ins ordered up as tests by China and the United States several years back. Just last February, a U.S. military meteorological satellite blew up, presumably because of a failed battery, scattering dozens of pieces of debris.

The Defence Department is currently tracking about 22,000 dead satellites, spent rocket bodies and all other forms of orbital debris.

These items are at least 10 centimetres across. NASA estimates there could be more than 500,000 smaller objects that could pack a dangerous punch to an orbiting craft like the space station.

Kelly and Kornienko are four months into a one-year space station mission. It will be a record for NASA, but not for the Russians, who have a history of long space flights.

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COLORADO

Theatre shooter guilty

Colorado theatre shooter James Holmes was convicted Thursday in the chilling 2012 attack on defenceless moviegoers at a midnight Batman premiere after jurors swiftly rejected defence arguments that the former graduate student was insane and driven to murder by delusions.

The 27-year-old Holmes, who had been working toward his PhD in neuroscience, could get the death penalty for the massacre that left 12 people dead and dozens of others wounded.

The initial phase of Holmes' trial took 11 weeks, but it took jurors only about 12 hours to decide all 165 charges. They must now decide whether Holmes should pay with his life.

The verdict came almost three years after Holmes, dressed in body armour, slipped through the emergency exit of the theatre in suburban Denver and replaced the Hollywood violence of the movie The Dark Knight Rises with real human carnage.

The trial offered a rare glimpse into the mind of a mass shooter, as most are killed by police, kill themselves or plead guilty.

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BUG BOUNTIES

Two hackers get million air miles for finding security holes

Two hackers have scored a million frequent-flier miles each on United Airlines for finding security holes in the airline's computer systems.

The awards were made under a security program that United started in May. Technology companies have offered so-called bug bounties, but they are unusual in the transporta-

tion industry.

United spokesman Luke Punzenberger said Thursday that two people have received the maximum award of 1 million miles each and others got smaller awards. A million miles is enough for several first-class trips to Asia or up to 20 round-trips in the U.S.

United has suffered several

major problems with technology systems since 2012, when it switched passenger-reservations and other systems over to those that had been used at its smaller merger partner, Continental Airlines.

Airlines "take all necessary precautions" to keep customer data secure, and most if not all have internal programs that

continuously check systems for intrusions, said Jean Medina, a spokeswoman for the industry trade group Airlines for America.

Bounties are common in the tech world. Companies use them to enlist so-called white-hat hackers with enough specialized skill to spot security gaps before cybercriminals

use them to steal customer information or crash websites.

Chris Petersen, chief technology officer and co-founder of LogRhythm Inc., a Boulder, Colo.-based security intelligence company, said bug bounties are growing in popularity, as companies race to shut all the backdoors into their systems before the black-hat

hackers find them.

But there just aren't that many people out there with the needed abilities.

"It's very specialized and there aren't that many people (who) are very good at it," Petersen said.

"Those that are, are very expensive to hire."

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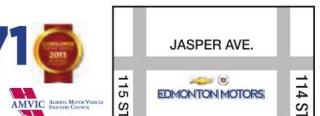
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Chancellor under fire

GERMANY

Refugee girl cries when told why she might be deported

Angela Merkel came under criticism Thursday for her awkward treatment of a young refugee brought to tears by the German chancellor's comments on asylum.

A video of the encounter Wednesday afternoon at a community event in Rostock showed the Palestinian teenager telling Merkel that her family had been waiting four years to get permanent leave to remain in Germany.

"It's really unpleasant to watch others enjoy their life and not be able to enjoy it one-

self," the girl told Merkel, saying she wanted to go to university.

In response, Merkel told her "sometimes politics is hard" and Germany can't accommodate everybody who wants to come. Since the teen's family had previously lived in Lebanon, a country Germany considers safe for refugees, their chances of being allowed to stay aren't certain.

As Merkel outlined her government's desire to speed up asylum decisions so all applicants receive a verdict within a year, the teen burst into tears. After a brief hesitation, Merkel walked over to comfort her.

"I know it's a difficult situation, but I still want to give her a pat," the chancellor said.

Merkel's office said the chancellor didn't speak to the girl, identified only as Reem, after the event.

But Merkel's blunt words about swiftly deporting those whose asylum applications are denied drew harsh criticism.

"The mistakes in the government's refugee policies can't be patted away," tweeted Katrin Goering-Eckardt of the opposition Green party.

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Chancellor Angela Merkel



German Chancellor Angela Merkel comforts a crying Palestinian girl threatened with deportation on Thursday in Rostock, northern Germany, after the leader discussed the challenge of asylum applications. STEFFEN KUGLER/AFP, GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

No trial for mom who let daughter sip margarita

A woman accused of allowing her 2-year-old daughter to sip her margarita at a Salem, Mass. restaurant has avoided trial and possible deportation to Haiti.

The charges against Sheldy Newson, 42, will be dismissed if she takes a parenting class, passes random alcohol tests and complies with orders from child welfare officials.

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Man unharmed after train runs over him

Police say a man escaped injury after being run over by a freight train while sleeping in the middle of railroad tracks in the state of New York.

Police say a freight train more than a mile (1.6 kilometres) long approached the drunk and unconscious 38-year-old Aaron Collins around 10:30 p.m. in upstate New York. The conductor spotted him on the tracks and stopped the train, but not before the first two engines passed over him.

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Members of a SWAT team sit on the back of a vehicle in Hixson, Tenn., Thursday. A gunman unleashed a barrage of fire at a recruiting centre and another U.S. military site a few miles apart in Chattanooga, killing at least four Marines, officials said. The attacker was also killed.

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5 killed in gun attack

TENNESSEE

Feds probe possible act of terrorism

A gunman unleashed a barrage of fire at a recruiting centre and another U.S. military site a few miles apart in Chattanooga on Thursday, killing at least four Marines, officials said. The attacker was also killed.

Federal authorities said they were investigating the possibility it was an act of terrorism, and the FBI took charge of the case.

A U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity identified the gunman as 24-year-old Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez of Hixson, Tenn., though the spelling of his first name was in dispute, with federal authorities and records giving at least four variations. The official said Abdulazeez was believed to have been born in Kuwait.

In addition, a Marine was wounded in the leg but not seriously hurt. And a police officer was shot in the ankle, Mayor Andy Berke said.

The names of the dead were not immediately released.

Authorities would not say how the gunman died. FBI agent Ed Reinhold said Abdulazeez had "numerous weapons" but would not give details.

Four Marines were killed, the Marine Corps said. And a Navy sailor who was with them was seriously wounded, according to two U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

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Reinhold said authorities were looking into whether it was domestic or international terrorism or a "simple criminal act."

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A dozen law enforcement vehicles, including a bomb-squad truck and an open-sided Army green truck carrying armed men, rolled into the Colonial Shores neighbourhood of Hixson, and police closed off streets and turned away people trying to reach their homes.

The shootings took place min-

COLD CASE

Sex offender charged with murder

Forty years after two young sisters vanished from a suburban Maryland mall, an imprisoned sex offender has been charged with murder, authorities said Wednesday, bringing some clarity to a baffling case that made parents afraid to let their children out of the house.

Lloyd Michael Welch Jr., 58, told authorities he was with the girls when they were abducted in March 1975 but denied any role in their deaths. Sheila Lyon,

12, and Katherine Lyon, 10, had walked a few blocks from their house to the Wheaton Plaza Mall to shop for Easter decorations and eat lunch. They never came home.

After decades of investigating leads and periodically identifying suspects, a break in the case came in 2013, according to an affidavit. A cold-case detective uncovered an interview that Welch gave to police in 1975. The detective compared a photo of Welch to a

composite sketch from a witness who saw someone following the girls at the mall, and he saw "a strong likeness," the affidavit said.

Welch, who is serving a lengthy prison term in Delaware, was indicted by a grand jury in Bedford County, Virginia, on Friday on two charges of first-degree felony murder, though the girls' bodies were never found. The indictment, unsealed Wednesday, says the murders were committed during an abduction with

intent to defile.

"We know what Katherine and Sheila were like. ... These were wonderful, wonderful, naive, young children," said John McCarthy, state's attorney for Montgomery County, Md.

McCarthy and Randy Krantz, the commonwealth's attorney for Bedford County, said authorities believe the girls were slain in Virginia, although they did not detail the evidence that led to that conclusion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Greek banks to reopen

ECONOMY

Rescue lenders pledge cash after austerity vote in Athens

Greece on Thursday won vital pledges of support from bailout lenders needed to keep its economy from collapsing, but officials in Athens said the painful austerity measures demanded in return were likely to force an election within months.

Hours after parliament approved the tough new cuts, the government promised to reopen banks on Monday and gradually restore services — helped by higher cash support from the European Central Bank.

The ECB announced it was increasing emergency credit to Greek banks, adding another 900 million euros in support over one week. And eurozone lenders pledged short-term loans so Greece can cover its debts and negotiations for a new three-year bailout worth 85 billion euros.

The news buoyed world markets and came as a relief in



A bank employee distributes tags with queue positions to pensioners as they wait outside the national bank of Greece to withdraw a maximum of 120 euros in Athens on Thursday.

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Greece, where banks and the stock market have been closed for nearly three weeks.

Officials in Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' government, however, were still reeling from the post-midnight vote in parliament that saw one in four lawmakers from the ruling Syriza party vote

Risk remains elevated given Greece's weak institutions.

Moody's credit rating agency

against the raft of tax increases, pension cuts and other economic reforms.

Interior Minister Nikos Voutsis said an early election was now seen as "very likely" — either in September or October.

With another austerity vote planned next week, Voutsis cau-

tioned the level of dissent shown Thursday had fallen just short of toppling Tsipras' six-month-old government, which was elected on a pledge to free Greece from debilitating austerity.

In Berlin, Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble insisted that growing calls to axe a portion of Greece's 320 billion euro debt mountain would not be accepted and again raised the idea of a managed Greek exit from the euro.

"No one knows at the moment how it's supposed to work without a debt cut, and everyone knows that a debt cut is incompatible with membership in the currency union," Schaeuble told Deutschlandfunk radio.

However, the head of eurozone finance ministers, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, shot down talk of a Greek euro exit. "If you reach an agreement after such long and hard talks, you have to stand behind it, and that goes for all sides," he said.

Meanwhile, the Moody's credit rating agency said the Greek vote meant the country had dodged imminent danger, but that it still faced risks.

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REFORM

Obama visits prison

Barack Obama got a first-hand look at the U.S. criminal justice system Thursday, becoming the first sitting president to set foot inside a federal prison and meet with incarcerated men there.

Obama's visit to a medium-security prison for male offenders in the state of Oklahoma was part of his push for an alternative to the continued lengthy incarceration of people convicted of crimes he believes did not fit the punishment. Obama has called for shortening the prison sentences of non-violent drug offenders as well as for advocating the reduction, or outright elimination, of severe mandatory minimum sentences.

In a recent speech Obama said that overly harsh prison sentences, particularly for nonviolent drug crimes, are to blame for doubling the prison population in the past two decades. Half a million people were behind bars in 1980, a figure that has since quadrupled to its current total of more than 2.2 million inmates, the highest rate of incarceration in the world.

After peering into a sterile prison cell at the El Reno Federal Correctional Institution, Obama said the U.S. needs to reconsider the way crime is controlled and prisoners are rehabilitated.

Obama, who has vowed to make criminal justice reform a centerpiece of his closing months in office, said he also felt a kinship with some of the young inmates.

"When they describe their youth and their childhood, these are young people who made mistakes that aren't that different than the mistakes I made," Obama said.

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FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT

Bush 'in great spirits' after fracturing bone in his neck

Former U.S. President George H.W. Bush fractured a bone in his neck when he took a tumble at his oceanside summer home, but he suffered no neurological impairment and the injury will be allowed to heal on its own, which is expected to take three to four months, officials said Thursday.

Bush, at 91 the oldest living former president, remained hospitalized in fair condition a day after he fell at his home in Kennebunkport.



George H.W. Bush. GETTY IMAGES

The fracture to his C2 vertebra, the second one below the skull, didn't impinge on his spine and didn't lead to any neurological deficits, spokesman Jim McGrath said. The 41st president never lost consciousness and was being fitted with a brace to immobilize his neck, McGrath said.

Dr. William D'Angelo, a neurosurgeon who is treating Bush at Maine Medical Center, said the former president was lucky the fracture wasn't more serious.

"He's in great spirits," D'Angelo said outside the hospital.

"He's with family. As his wife said, it takes a lot more than this to knock his spirits down. He was shot down over the Pacific in World War II. She said this is a small bump in the road."

Bush is being treated at the state's largest medical facility, where a children's hospital is named for his wife. The family declined to say how he fell.

A hospital spokesman said

it was premature to speculate about when Bush will be released, but McGrath suggested it won't be a lengthy stay.

D'Angelo said the injury is common among seniors who fall and can be painful. He said a patient in his 90s would generally take three or four months to heal.

"It's a significant injury, but right now the president is in excellent shape, and we anticipate he'll make a full recovery," the doctor said.

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Hungary's border fence set to be done by winter

SERBIAN BORDER

Prisoners put to work on a barrier to keep out migrants

Using materials prepared by inmates in Hungarian prisons, 900 soldiers will build a fence along Hungary's border with Serbia by December to stem the torrent of migrants, officials said Thursday — a project critics are comparing to Communist-era barriers like the Berlin Wall.

Hungary says it has a duty to protect itself and the rest of the 28-nation European Union from the unprecedented number of people — often more than 1,000 a day — arriving on foot through routes across the Balkans.

Work on the four-metre-high fence will take place at 10-12 locations simultaneously along the 175-kilometre border, Defence Minister Csaba Hende said Thursday near the south-



Hungarian soldiers place barbed wire near Morahalom, Hungary, on Thursday. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ern town of Morahalom, where a sample section of the fence is being built to experiment with building materials and techniques.

"The Hungarian defence force is ready to complete this task," he declared as soldiers wrestled

with barbed wire and metal posts.

Interior Minister Sandor Pinter said the fence is the only immediate solution Hungary could find to stop the flow of migrants — which stands at 81,300 already this year. Inmates

in Hungarian prisons are already assembling the basic elements of the fence, and workers in a government job scheme could help if needed, he said.

Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic on Thursday called the move to build the fence an "unfortunate decision" by Hungary. Others from Serbia, a candidate for EU membership, have been more emphatic.

"We are absolutely and fiercely against their decision to build a fence," Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dacic said last month. "I thought the Berlin Wall has fallen, but now new walls are being constructed."

While the EU acknowledges Hungary's right to apply its own border-management system, Dimitris Avramopoulos, the EU commissioner for migration, says unilateral steps like the fence are not the answer.

"(The fence) will only shift the problem to the next neighbouring country; it will not solve it," Avramopoulos said.

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MIDDLE EAST

Iraq's high heat tests fasting and fighting

Iraqi policeman Ziad Radi is no stranger to hot weather, but his sun-blazed face is testament that even for seasoned Iraqis, the weather on Thursday was almost too hot to bear.

Radi spends eight hours a day patrolling Baghdad's Karradah neighbourhood — braving temperatures that on Thursday soared above 51 degrees Celsius. Add to the mix the month of Ramadan, when he and many Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset, and you have a recipe for problems.

"Heat or no heat, this is my responsibility," he said, taking shelter during a lighter wave of traffic in Baghdad's iconic Firdous Square. "Normally, I drink a lot of water but, thank God, I am fasting now, so I just have to try to keep going."

The government declared Thursday an official holiday due to scorching temperatures. Health authorities warned people not to expose themselves to the sun, with hospitals already receiving an overwhelming number of

heat-related cases.

The heat adds an extra burden for the thousands of soldiers and government-affiliated militiamen combatting ISIL militants, and also for the estimated 3 million people in Iraq displaced from their homes by the fight against ISIL.

With Eid al-Fitr, commemorating the end of Ramadan, a day away, the day off meant a jump-start on the holiday weekend. But few are celebrating the extra day off, with rampant power and water cuts making it unbearable indoors as well.

For Hussein Hazim and his school friends, that means cooling off in the Tigris River.

Zena Abbas said she would normally sleep in but the holidays are too busy to lounge at home. With relatives coming to spend Eid with her, she had to make several trips to the grocery store on foot to stock up on food.

"What can we do? Life cannot stop for the heat," she said.

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Nuke effects still linger

ATOMIC BOMB

Unknown blast in the desert in 1945 left many with cancer

An unknown blast shook the desolate desert in the state of New Mexico on July 16, 1945, unsettling the village of Tularosa.

Most residents lacked phones and radios, so they relaxed when Army officials said it was just an ammunition explosion — despite the raining ash. Later, many villagers developed cancer.

Thursday marked the 70th anniversary of the Trinity Test, the first nuclear test that took place as part of the Manhattan Project, the secretive Second World War program that provided enriched uranium for the atomic bomb.

While New Mexico holds commemorative events, Tularosa residents press for acknowledgement and compensation from the U.S. government.

Tina Cordova, a former Tularosa resident and the co-founder of the Tularosa Basin Downwinders, an advocacy group, said the aftermath caused rare forms of



A visitor to the Bradbury Science Museum in Los Alamos, N.M., examines a replica of "the gadget," the atomic bomb tested on July 16, 1945. RUSSELL CONTRERAS / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

cancer for many of the 30,000 people living in the area.

Residents weren't told about the dangers of the test site and often picnicked there and took

artifacts, she said.

Researchers from the National Cancer Institute are studying past and present cancer cases in New Mexico that might be

related to the test.

"It's not about anti-nuclear protests," said Cordova, a cancer survivor. "We want recognition from the U.S. government that they did this to us, that they came here and did this test. And that they walked away and left us for 70 years to deal with it on our own."

The U.S. Department of Justice did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

During the Manhattan Project, scientists at the then-secret city of Los Alamos worked to develop the weapon that was dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Retired physicist Duane Hughes, who gives tours at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History in Albuquerque, New Mexico, said the history of the Trinity Test is important because it helped end the war and set the stage for a Cold War arms race.

"I don't know if anyone thought it was a failure," said Hughes.

"It really changed the history of the world." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NUCLEAR PACT

Backing sought for Iran deal



It's pretty clear to me that a majority of the House and the Senate at a minimum are opposed to.

House Republican Leader John Boehner

At home and abroad, the White House courted support for a landmark nuclear deal with Iran on Thursday as congressional leaders in both parties pointed toward a politically charged showdown this fall over Republican attempts to scuttle the agreement.

"It blows my mind that the administration would agree to lift the arms and missile bans and sanctions," said the Republican leader of the House, Speaker John Boehner, referring to some of the provisions in the complex accord.

He said the Republican-controlled Congress would likely soon be on track to pass legislation denying President Barack Obama the ability to lift numerous financial and other restrictions Iran currently faces.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi became the first prominent Democrat in Congress to back the deal, saying she is "very optimistic about our ability to support the president."

Obama has pledged to veto any bill rejecting the agreement. Neither Pelosi nor Boehner ventured a prediction on the final

outcome. The manoeuvring in Congress unfolded as Secretary of State John Kerry met with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir, coming away without an immediate endorsement for the deal.

"We hope that the Iranians will use this deal in order to improve the economic situation in Iran and to improve the lot of the Iranian people and not use it for adventures in the region," the Saudi diplomat said. His country is Iran's main rival in the Middle East, and Kerry promised to respond if Tehran supports terrorism against its neighbours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A boy waves a flag of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic at a memorial to the victims of the Malaysian Airlines MH17. It's been a year since a Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 was blown out of the sky over war-ravaged eastern Ukraine, killing 298 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One year on and still no crash clarity

UKRAINE

Reason flight MH17 was blown out of sky still unknown

A year since a Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 was blown out of the sky over war-ravaged eastern Ukraine — killing 298 people — there has been little official word of progress in determining what brought down Flight MH17.

One of the probes under way reportedly points toward a ground-to-air missile fired from a village held by Russia-backed separatist rebels, but the report isn't to be public for months. Another investigation trudges forward with painful slowness, and contradictory theories emerge from Moscow.

A fog of vehement allegations, macabre claims and self-serving rhetoric shrouds the tragedy. Within hours of the July 17, 2014 crash, a crucial fact appeared clear — the wreckage was strewn over such a wide area that the plane must have broken into bits long before it fell.

Most evidence points to the plane, which departed from Amsterdam en route to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, being taken down by a missile over an area controlled by pro-Russia rebels.

And hours before the MH17 went down, AP journalists saw a Buk M-1 launcher moving through the rebel-controlled town of Snizhne, carrying four 18-foot (5.5-meter) missiles.

Three hours later and six miles west, the plane was shot down. Still, no official has con-

firmed whether the missile was fired from a warplane or from the ground. And nobody has established who fired: the Ukrainian army, the separatist rebels or Russian forces allegedly backing them with troops and arms.

An international investigation may be able to answer the first question, but not until at least October. Another probe addressing the second is likely to take until at least next year. A look at where the investigations and theories stand:

Crash cause

The investigation led by the Dutch Safety Board aims only to determine the crash cause, not to ascribe blame.

That's likely to produce a report loaded with esoteric technical detail. A preliminary report from the board in September was able to say only that the plane was destroyed by "high-energy objects" that pierced it from outside.

It is unclear whom the investigators are questioning, or the extent of the evidence they've collected. The prosecutor's office released a video calling on witnesses to come forward and indicated the probe is focusing on rebel or Russian involvement.

The video asks for information about a Buk-11 missile system that was spotted moving through the rebel territory before and after the crash, then possibly heading for the Russian border.

Russia's theories

A few days after the crash, the Russian Defence Ministry showed photos it said proved that Ukrainian surface-to-air systems were operating in the area before the crash.

Russian officials also said they had evidence that a Ukrainian Su-25 fighter jet had flown "between 3 to 5 kilometres (2 to 3 miles)" from the Malaysia Airlines jet.

The latter theory was revisited a few months later when state television released a satellite photograph that it claimed showed that a Ukrainian fighter jet shot down MH17. The photo purportedly came from a little-known person who identified himself as an aviation expert. Bloggers following the case quickly claimed the photo was a forgery.

In June, the Russian manufacturer of Buk systems said it had concluded the airliner was indeed brought down by a Buk, but an older model no longer in service in Russia. It said such systems were still used by the Ukrainian army.

Criminal investigation

A probe by the Dutch national prosecutor's office aims to establish who was responsible. This investigation includes authorities from Ukraine, Malaysia and other countries whose na-



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Striking a balance

HEALTH

Poll says 40% of Canadians will work on their vacations

It appears a majority of working Canadians don't mind handling work-related matters on their own time — except during vacations, according to an online survey published Thursday.

The Randstad human-resources advisory firm says 59 per cent of the adult Canadian employees surveyed in April and May said they didn't mind some work outside of work time.

That number dropped to 40 per cent when it came to vacations, although Randstad says there was a big difference between the sexes — with men much more likely than women to say they choose to do work during their holidays.

It says 60 per cent of the

men surveyed said they felt pressured by a boss to be available by email or phone while on vacation, compared with 45 per cent of the women surveyed.

Randstad Canada's Faith Tull says employers have a responsibility to help employees strike the right balance, which she says is essential to keeping them motivated and to avoid exhaustion.

"We need to encourage them to disconnect completely from time to time, and be careful as managers not to blur the lines between home and work," Tull says.

Randstad says its survey is conducted four times a year in 33 countries, with at least 400 interviews per country it covers. Respondents are aged 18 to 65 and work at least 24 hours per week in a paid job.

The polling industry's professional body, the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association, says online surveys cannot be assigned a margin of error.

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E-COMMERCE AMAZON TURNS 20 Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, along with his stuffed Pikachu Pokémon doll, discussing the company's expansion at a New York news conference in 1999. The company, which launched July 16, 1995, began as an online bookseller. But as it celebrates its 20th anniversary, the company has evolved into an e-commerce powerhouse, making \$89 million in annual revenue. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Court rules against Bell; company loses bid to have 911 decision overturned

Bell Mobility Inc. has lost another bid to overturn a ruling that held it liable for charging customers in the northern territories a 911 fee without actually offering the emergency-call service. In most of the territories there is no 911 service, but for several years, monthly bills carried a 75-cent charge. A trial judge ruled Bell Mobility breached its contractual obligations, and an appeal court decision was upheld.

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Rona acquires 20 stores for \$225M

Home renovation company Rona hopes to compete more effectively with large U.S. rivals by eliminating its franchise structure

through the purchase of 20 stores that date to its entry into big-box retailing two decades ago. The Quebec-based company said Thursday it is acquiring 18 franchise stores in Quebec and two in the Ottawa area for an estimated \$225 million.

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TRANSPORTATION

Business travellers favour Uber: Survey

Taxis are losing business travellers to ride-hailing services like Uber, a survey shows.

In the three months ending in June, Uber overtook taxis as the most expensive form of ground transportation, according to expense-management system provider Certify.

Uber accounted for 55 per cent of ground transportation receipts, compared with taxis at 43 per cent.

That's a big jump from just the beginning of the year. In the first quarter, Uber Technologies had 46 per cent of receipts tracked by Certify, compared with 53 per cent for taxis.

"Established travel providers will need to adapt quickly or face further market share erosion to the sharing economy," Certify CEO Robert Neveu said

in a statement.

Certify based its finding on the 28 million trip receipts its North American clients submit each year. It does not include receipts from business travellers whose companies use other services to track expenses.

Uber connects travellers with various cars through its smartphone app. Some drivers work for car service compa-

nies; others spend a few hours driving their personal cars on the side for some extra money.

Business travellers might be

quickly moving toward Uber, but employers still have reservations about safety and liability. Depending on the city, Uber drivers aren't necessarily regulated by government taxi licensing authorities.

Uber's pricing compared with traditional cabs can vary. Its UberX service, often drivers in Toyota Camrys or Honda Civics, is typically cheaper, but its high-end black cars and SUVs cost a premium. During peak hours, Uber charges a "surge" premium that can add anywhere from 20 per cent on to the cost to doubling or tripling it. During really busy periods the surge can be even more.

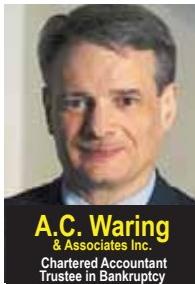
In a few cities, Uber beat

55%

In the three month period ending in June, business travellers used Uber for 55 per cent of their trips according to receipts collected by Certify. Taxis services accounted for only 43 per cent.

out taxis by a wide margin for business travellers. In its hometown of San Francisco, 79 per cent of rides expensed through Certify during the second quarter were for Uber. In Dallas, 60 per cent were for Uber, and 54 per cent in Los Angeles. Certify noted that it saw rental-car transactions drop at the same time.

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The journal Science praised B.C.'s efforts to track and treat HIV/AIDS but said the province should try preventative drugs for those at risk.

THE KOHLER REPORT: ON ARMPIT HAIR AND DOUBLE STANDARDS



What upsets me most about my uneasiness with pit fuzz is that I wasn't just being fastidious, I was being sexist.

stocks and I have never once paid money to have any of my body hair removed from ... my body. (Okay, that's not true; I once paid to have my eyebrows threaded, which resulted in me looking frightened for two weeks.)

My point is, aside from some highlights, a mild-to-serious mascara addiction and a penchant for the Venus razor, I'm pretty low maintenance. Live and let live, grow and let grow! So why, upon seeing a few ladies in my neighborhood sporting underarm-growth, have I been, for lack of a better term, grossed out?

What upsets me most about my uneasiness with pit fuzz is that I realize now I wasn't just being fastidious, I was being sexist.

A few weeks ago, I was talking to some friends about a woman who works at my local coffee shop. She often wears

tank tops and has hairy pits. I said to my friends, "I mean, I don't care if you grow out your pits, but like, if you work in a restaurant, wear sleeves." One of my friends suggested I only felt that way because it was a woman. I protested that NO, I'd think it was gross either way.

You can imagine my horror when my friend pointed out that for the past two hours we'd been attended by a male server, with hairy armpits, wearing a tank top. The only thought I'd had about him was that he kind of resembled a turtle. I had indeed not noticed his pit hair.

Side note: my sexism aside, if you work in a bar/restaurant/coffee shop, man or woman, and you haven't mowed recently, wear sleeves! Or at least little underarm hairnets. ("I ordered cherry pie, not hairy pie!")

I'm not going to beat myself up too much. A quick Google search will teach you that women started shaving their armpits around 1915, when sleeveless dresses were introduced. I grew up in a world where most women (at least in North America) shave(d) their armpits. So, while the "me" I know doesn't think women should feel the need to shave, it doesn't mean the sight of hairy pits won't be jarring at first. (The first time I saw skinny jeans, I threw up in my mouth. Now a boot cut makes my skin crawl.)

If women are in the process of knocking an unnecessary chore off our socially constructed to-do list, then I say go for it. I don't know if I'll jump on board right away (I have a giant box of razors I got at Costco, so ...), but I will definitely make an effort to get to the point where, upon seeing a bushy pit, I'll be saying things like, "You go, girl!" And eventually — as I did with Mr. Turtle — I won't even notice.

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How I satisfied my spiritual hunger with urban foraging



Mila Petkovic
Metro | Toronto

The wilderness of Toronto's High Park is my habitat, and this eager urbanite is on the hunt. With one swift flick of my pocket knife, I cut the red flower cluster of a stag-horn sumac away from the branch and tuck it into my bag. "I must look strange," I chuckle to myself. Next stop: the mulberry tree.

What am I doing? Why, an action as old as time. Only now it has a 21st-century pet name: urban foraging.

Our built environment abounds with wild edibles. It has certainly changed the way I look at weeds and walk through the world. City parks, ravines, lawns and gardens hold the key to some of my favourite treats: blackberries, mint, lavender and even morel mushrooms at the right time of year. The sumac I harvested can be made into a tasty lemonade-like drink chock-full of vitamin C.

It all started when I decided to leave my full-time office job to pursue a freelance career. One side effect of this decision (besides financial uncertainty) is more time to do the things I love, including reconnecting with the life force that fuels my everyday existence: food.

Our industrialized food system delivers us goods in boxes from around the world. Many of us don't know what the sources of our foods look like (cashew

trees anyone?) or whether they were sustainably grown. Food is literally medicine, but the grind of fast-paced modern life has many of us crunched for time and turning to microwave dinners containing unpronounceable ingredients for relief. Our natural connection to the ecosystems that sustain us is being destroyed, and we are left out of touch, disempowered and even sick.

Foraging, gardening, hitting up the farmers' market and even the simple act of preparing our own meals is a challenge to this paradigm, and consciousness is shifting. Urban agriculture projects and grassroots initiatives like Not Far From the Tree (a Toronto group that pairs up volunteer pickers with landowners and splits the harvest with food banks) are taking root. Organic, local and free range are the hot items in the food world now, though not everyone can afford them.

Perhaps it is a profound need to reconnect with the earth that drives me to forage. Maybe it's the sheer joy of discovering a ripe fruit or the tactile satisfaction of plucking it directly from the vine. Or better yet, the sense of community created by sharing a jar of homemade jam. It's true what they say: some of the best things in life are free.

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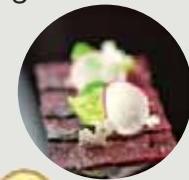
Happy face/Sad face

From medical mishaps to culinary country foods, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



Baby boy who?

Parents-to-be who can't make up their minds often end up with their offspring temporarily named "baby boy Bartkowicz" or "baby girl Smith" during their hospital stay. That's a problem, says a study in the journal Pediatrics. Generic names increase the risk of mixing up pint-sized patients. Retract-and-reorders — an indication of medical error — decreased 36 per cent when distinctive names were used. All the more reason to get your child's name ready well in advance. SOURCE: NPR



In a homecoming of sorts, Rich Francis, a renowned Northwest Territories-raised, Ontario-based chef from the Gwich'in First Nation, just finished a one-week residency in Iqaluit. He cooked a high-class meal with local ingredients (called country foods) to raise money for kids in need. His Northern delights included crispy Arctic char, maktaaq (whale blubber), red berries and Labrador tea. More than \$6,000 was raised for a free breakfast program in Iqaluit schools. SOURCE: NUNATSIAQ ONLINE



Pay it forward (70 years)

A 95-year-old Jewish man who was rescued from Nazi-occupied Austria when he was a child is helping Syrian Christians escape the clutches of ISIL. Lord George Weidenfeld says he wants to repay his debt because Quakers and Irish evangelicals helped him escape to Britain in 1938. Weidenfeld paid for 150 Syrians from areas under attack by the terror group to be flown by private jet to safety in Poland. He hopes to help 2,000 in all.

SOURCE: THE INDEPENDENT



Lights out for solar plane

The Swiss team trying to fly a fully solar-powered plane around the world is grounded for the rest of the year. Their Solar Impulse aircraft's batteries were damaged on the last leg of the journey from Japan to Hawaii, where the plane will likely stay until April 2016. Then, if all goes well, it will cross the American continent, the Atlantic and head back to Abu Dhabi, UAE, where the circumnavigation began in March. The first 7,200 km of the whirlwind world tour was completed in just 118 hours.

SOURCE: BBC

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Amy Schumer, who co-wrote and stars in the film, cast friends and fellow comedians (including Bill Hader, pictured) to star alongside her in *Trainwreck*. HANDOUT

Amy Schumer's got the ticket

TRAINWRECK

Schumer creates great roles for great comedians

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



In *Trainwreck*, a new comedy directed by Judd Apatow, Amy Schumer plays a promiscuous New Yorker who finds love.

It's a side-splitting movie that will be Schumer's big-screen breakout, but the film is also populated by a very

funny supporting cast, many of whom are Schumer's Manhattan comedy peers.

"I got to give my friends work," Schumer, who also wrote the script, says, "and they did great in it."

Colin Quinn and Dave Attell are two standups and friends who make big impressions in the film.

"I consider Colin to be like, in vampire terms, the maker," says Attell.

Quinn, a legendary comedian and former SNL Weekend Update anchor, co-stars as Amy's father, a cranky old man with an attitude and a possible drug problem.

"With actors, it's not about the lines, it's about the behaviour," says Quinn. "With

us, it's just about the words. We love it, so if you come up with something funny and it's quiet behind the camera and they yell 'Cut' and everybody starts laughing, that's the best.

"In so many things it's not about the words, but in stand-up, it's all about the words, the order of the words. I feel more than any other art form, the audience matters so much. You have this contentious relationship with them, but they are so much a part of it. I feel like musicians get together and they jam with one each other. We need the crowd to jam. To rehearse."

Attell is a club veteran, best known for his TV show *Insomniac* with Dave Attell and dark-edged lines like, "You

know, men and women are a lot alike in certain situations. Like when they're both on fire — they're exactly alike."

In the movie, he plays a homeless man who talks to Amy everyday.

"This is the character, of the four characters that I've ever played in movies, that is most like me," he says. "That's me in five years. That's me after the last season of *Last Comic Standing*, physically and emotionally."

"I've been in like, three other movies, and this movie was the most fun. You show up and they want you to riff around and you go for the jokes and you keep going until you feel you got it. I love that, especially for people who

that hostile audiences fuel them creatively.

"When it's not going well, you still have to do the job and that's what makes it a job," says Attell. "That's also often when you come up with the most enlightening stuff, in the tough crowd moment."

Quinn may prefer live venues but according to Jimmy Fallon he may have more movie work coming his way. The Tonight Show host predicts an Oscar nomination for the comic's work in the film.

"Why not?" Quinn deadpans. "I wasn't expecting one but an Academy Award would not affect me now, because after I didn't get nominated for *Grown Ups 2* I feel like it's a rigged game."

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MOVIE NEWS**Julianne Moore to leave Can You Ever Forgive Me?**

Actress Julianne Moore has left director Nicole Holofcener's *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*, citing creative differences, according to a report from *Variety*. Executives have begun the search for a replacement for Moore. The drama, co-starring Chris O'Dowd, was to begin shooting in one week. Moore will soon be appearing in the October drama *Freeheld*, and *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2* in November. AFP

Cody Walker lands his first major film role

Cody Walker, brother of the late Paul Walker (*The Fast and Furious*) has just landed his first significant role in a feature film directed by Mario Van Peebles. The Walker brothers Cody and Caleb stood in for their sibling Paul after his death in a car accident in 2013. Now, it has been announced that Cody has been selected for his first major role in *USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage*, a feature film based on a true story from the Second World War. AFP

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Everybody is talking about Amy Schumer. She's written and stars in her first feature film, *Trainwreck*, which opens Friday. And her *Inside Amy Schumer* TV sketches, from the *Friday Night Lights* parody of rape culture to the 12 Angry Men reenactment where a roundtable of men vote on the comic's sex appeal, seem to go viral once a week.

The chatter, however, isn't all cheerful: Like clockwork, the 34-year-old's comedy was placed under a sometimes excruciatingly exacting PC lens. Schumer, who has made a career out of making fun of thickheaded ideas — and

I can commit to the comedy of Amy Schumer who, coincidentally, plays a commitment-phobe in *Trainwreck*. But I couldn't commit to dinner

the people who hold them — has recently been the subject of endless think pieces on whether or not she is a feminist. Some so entirely missed the mark that they read like a Schumer sketch.

More murky is the subject of race: After a writer for the *Guardian* suggested that Schumer has "a shockingly large blind spot around race," the comedian first defended herself on social media and then apologized: "I am evolving as an artist," she tweeted, "I am taking responsibility and hope I haven't hurt anyone."

Still, more think pieces followed, including one from the *Washington Post* titled: "Don't believe her defenders. Amy Schumer's jokes are racist."

It was written by a woman who'd read the *Guardian* piece but had never actually seen any of Schumer's comedy — not

THE PERSONALITY: Amy Schumer**THE MEAL: A little bit of everything**

one sketch or standup routine.

But Schumer appears to be taking the backlash in good stride: "It's nice to have a break from being

called fat for a while," she recently told the *New York Times*.

But I worry it'll take a toll: As soon as a comedian worries about offend-

ing someone, the joke is on them — or maybe us.

I can commit to the comedy of Schumer who, coincidentally, plays a commitment-phobe in *Trainwreck*. But I couldn't commit to dinner on Sunday night. Fish? Pasta? Pork chops, again? So I prepared what has become a regular standby: Take your favourite foods, some of which have no business being on the same plate, and call it a meal.

That meant grilling haloumi, garlic scapes and slices of baguette on the barbecue, mashing up avocado with Maldon salt and lemon juice, draping prosciutto onto a plate and tossing halved cherry tomatoes in olive oil. When I discovered half a bag of arugula in the fridge just before we ate, I was beside myself because now it was healthy.

But was it dinner? Sure. It was a little bit of everything, for everyone — which is what plenty of people want from Schumer. Only problem is, kowtowing to the masses isn't always funny.

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Judd Apatow says Twitter ranters are no big deal

Q&A

The director talks writing and Schumer's humour

Ned Ehrbar
Metro Life

Judd Apatow teamed up with *Trainwreck* co-writer and star Amy Schumer because of her unique comedic style, but that's been getting her in hot water lately. So where does Apatow stand? He'd say everyone should calm down, if anyone was actually upset.

There's been a lot of talk related to Amy lately about lines of appropriateness, and culture seems to be going in a very outrage-happy direction these days.

I think that people aren't any different now than they've



Trainwreck director Judd Apatow with co-writer and star Amy Schumer, right. HANDOUT

ever been. It's just that the people who are concerned about such things have easier access to a platform to complain. Comedians should be able to make jokes about everything. As long as your heart's in the right place, you should be able to comment about everything that happens in life.

It does feel like we keep getting these 24-hour bursts of outrage, though.

in the Family aired was in the paper. It's just that there's a way for those people to get noticed now. But I don't think there's any more of them than there has ever been and there's probably less.

You're also working on a Netflix series.

It's called *Love*, it'll be on next year. I guess you could call it a romantic comedy in slow motion. It's just a very deep exploration of an ordinary couple. It's fun to write things knowing that people are going to consume it quickly. Some people think my movies are long, so it might be better for me to have a five-hour series to work on (laughs).

Does the potential for binge-watching change your approach as a writer?

I'm trying to just enjoy it and learn as I go. We are making it with the thought that people are going to watch it in two or three sittings.

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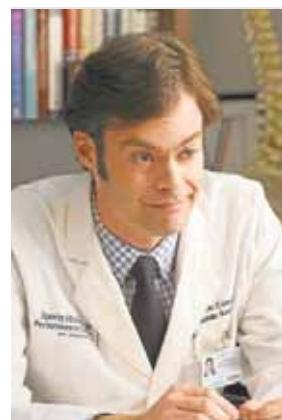

ACTION & ADVENTURE
Ant-Man

Director: Peyton Reed
Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas

Armed with the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, master thief Scott Lang must embrace his inner-hero and help his mentor, Dr. Hank Pym, protect the secret behind his spectacular Ant-Man suit. The next evolution of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 78% Audience: 98%


COMEDY
Trainwreck

Director: Judd Apatow
Starring: Amy Schumer, Bill Hader

Since she was a little girl, it's been drilled into Amy's head by her rascal of a dad that monogamy isn't realistic. Now a magazine writer, Amy lives by that credo — enjoying what she feels is an uninhibited life free from boring romantic commitment — but in actuality, she's kind of in a rut.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 94% Audience: 96%


DOCUMENTARY
Amy

Director: Asif Kapadia
Starring: Yasiin Bey, Mark Ronson

One of the biggest music icons in British history, Amy Winehouse was a pop star with soul, a once-in-two-generational musical talent whose appeal crossed cultural and demographic boundaries. But while her music made her a star, her chaotic personal life stole headlines.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 97% Audience: 92%


DRAMA & COMEDY
Infinitely Polar Bear

Director: Maya Forbes
Starring: Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana

Maya Forbes' autobiographically infected Infinitely Polar Bear stars Mark Ruffalo as a man who suffers from bipolar disorder, as he attempts to rebuild a relationship with his two daughters and win back the trust of his wife.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 81% Audience: 78%


ANIMATION
Minions

Directors: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda
Starring: Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm

Minions, perpetually serving the most despicable of masters, find themselves without someone to serve and fall into a deep depression. But one Minion named Kevin has a plan, and he and his pals venture out into the world to find a new evil boss.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 55% Audience: 59%


SCI-FI & FANTASY
Self/less

Director: Tarsem Singh
Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Natalie Martinez

In this psychological science-fiction thriller, a wealthy man dying from cancer undergoes a radical medical procedure that transfers his consciousness into the body of a healthy young man. But all is not as it seems when he starts to uncover the mystery of the body's origin.

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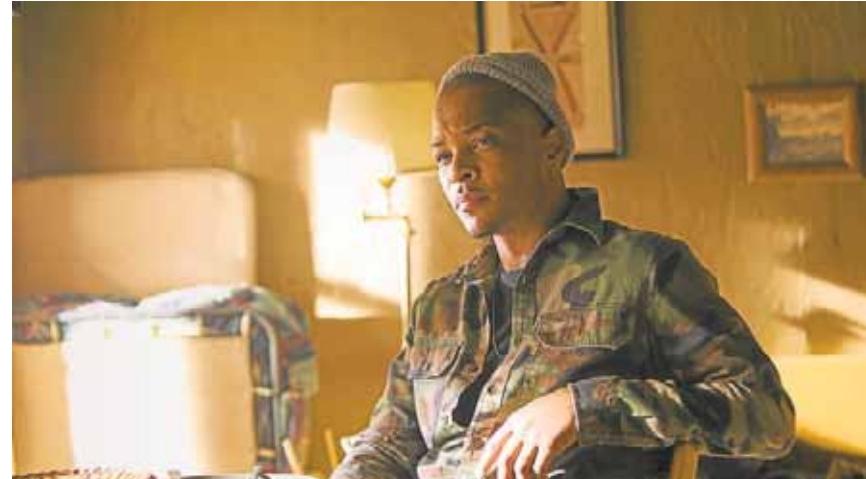
The actor and rapper works hard at both of his careers



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How many films does a guy have to do before people stop thinking of him as "just a rapper"? Atlanta native T.I., who got his start in music, has been doing just fine in front of the camera since making his screen debut 10 years ago in ATL. But sometimes some people still need to be reminded of that. Maybe with his latest, Marvel's Ant-Man, he won't have to anymore.

Were you much of a comic



Versatile performer T.I. loved working with Paul Rudd in Marvel's Ant-Man. CONTRIBUTED

fan in general before this project?

I had a fling. I kind of collected a lot of X-Men and

Wolverine comics in the early '90s. I lost them, I lost the whole collection — like 35 books — and I was deflated. I

just couldn't start over again. I just couldn't.

Before you got involved with

this, how much had you heard about Ant-Man?

Not much. He isn't the best-known of the Marvel team, but that's great because now we can introduce him to the world — and get credit for it.

What was the first thing you thought when they explained him to you?

This script better be good (laughs).

The movie is actually very funny.

Sure. I mean, it's hard not to be with Paul. I don't think it was even written in the script to be as funny as it is. I think that the onscreen chemistry and the environment that was set kind of contributed to the amount of laughs that it gets.

It's been a decade since ATL, and you do plenty of acting.

But do you still find yourself having to remind people that you're not just a rapper?

I commit myself to just about anything that I do and give a thousand per cent. I don't just fly by the seat of my pants doing stuff half-heartedly. And I think just reminding people that I'm a very passionate artist and performer in any genre, in any area — I mean, it's a pain in the ass, but from time to time you kind of have to.

So do you get any time to relax?

No, no. Heavens no. I have an album that I'm releasing, this film, still working on a script for ATL 2, trying to balance all of these things. These six children I got, they won't necessarily let me rest. If they would just stop growing and eating so much ...

FEMALE SUPERHERO

Evangeline Lily hopes to make a mountain out of Ant-Man

Evangeline Lily has come a long way from nearly walking away from acting completely following her Lost experiences. "I think I made it quite publicly known that I wasn't sure if I had a future as an actress, if I wanted to pursue it beyond the show," she says. But she's made her peace with Hollywood — which is good, because her Ant-Man role may keep her busy for a while.

With all the talk about strong female characters and the need for female superheroes,

do you feel like you get to be the future of that?

I would love to be. If Marvel presented me a platform that I could get up on and do that, that would be a very immense honour for me. I think it's fairly publicly known that I like to represent strong females and that it's important to me what I put out on the screen.

Have they talked to you at all about the future of the character and when she might show up again?

No, actually, they haven't. I'm still waiting to find out. There is this running joke within the company that all the Marvel women are always pregnant. Scarlett Johansson, Cobie Smulders, Zoe Saldana. Well, they all suddenly have job security. We're all suddenly in these multi-picture deals and we know there's another gig coming so we don't necessarily need to go out and look. I'm assuming and hoping that I'm going to get a call from Marvel sometime saying, "The

movie was a hit, we want to make a sequel."

So the secret to being a successful working mother is having a deal with Marvel?

Exactly! That's all you need,

and then you can sit back and relax.

So until that call comes in?

I'm working on an adult novel series — or I'm trying to. We'll see if I accomplish that mission or not. I'm also working on the second Squickerwoink-

ers book, which is the sequel to the children's story book I published last year, and that's my big focus right now.

How do you view your acting versus your writing?

I think of this as my main



gig, as in I'm a breadwinner for my family and this is what brings home the bacon. But as far as where I really spend my time and passion, I've been doing about a film every two or three years since Lost ended, and between that all that time is being spent working on my writing.

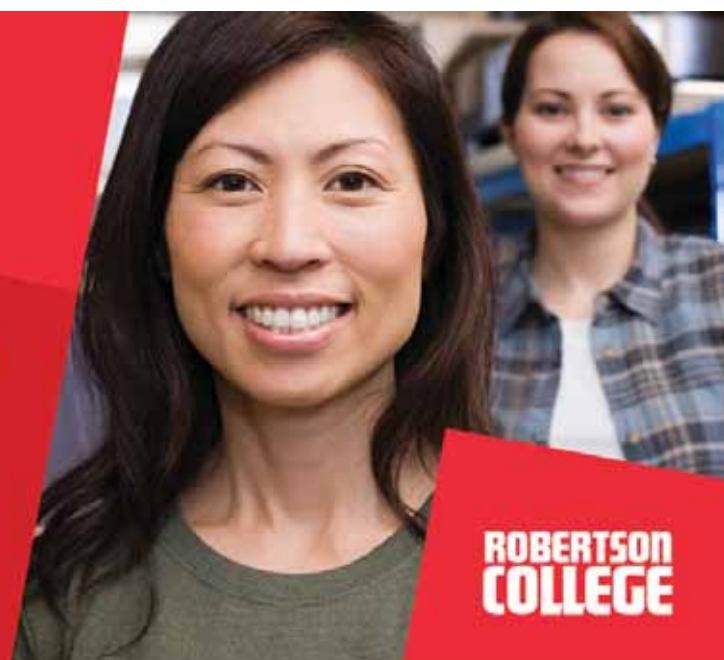
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Suzanne Crocker wanted a lifestyle change, so she did what most would only dare to dream — she went off the grid. For nine months, Crocker and her family moved to the Yukon where they lived without power, running water or Internet. She ended up with a few life lessons and a doc: All The Time In The World. We asked Crocker what we could learn by going off the grid.

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I learned so many things about my family — that the kids really couldn't get enough time with us (parents). There seemed to be no saturation point (and) I was impressed by how much laughter and creativity returned to our family.

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GROUNDNESS

Learn what's important

There is this phenomenon that happens when you spend time in nature disconnected from phones and technology — you feel grounded and your priorities seem to naturally fall into place. Spending time with the people you care about the most rises to the top, (and) defining yourself by work and accomplishments moves further down the list of priorities.



STEVE GOW'S (THEORETICAL) DAY OFF THE GRID

Not everyone can drop it all for nine months and go off the grid. I couldn't even do it for 24 hours. Instead, I spent an average day noting each sacrifice I'd have made without power and the Internet. Here are just a few of my revelations.

I wouldn't need a clock to wake up early. The dog will do that for me. Without power, there'd be no hot coffee. This would be very

tough. To determine the weather, I might have to stare out the window instead of at a TV. My breakfast would be composed of defrosted, cold freezer waffles. I wouldn't be able to watch a viral video of dogs dressed as Minions chasing each other (three times). I get entirely too uptight waiting for elevators. I need to breathe. I should really learn to play Solitaire with actual cards.

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MR. HOLMES

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Ian McKellen admits he had more than a few qualms about working with the tiny co-stars of his latest film, Mr. Holmes — a colony of honey bees.

The veteran actor says he initially balked at sharing the screen with the buzzing insects when he learned his character was an avid apiarist.

"It was the one thing I was tentative about and said — that I am not going to work with bees," says McKellen during a phone interview from London earlier this year, recalling a conversation with director Bill Condon.

"I thought there would be a way around it but Bill said, 'No. You have got to open that hive, pick up that frame, have a look at those bees and we'll film it.' So we did and I wasn't hurt, nor were any of the bees."

The bees are a little-known element of the legendary Sherlock Holmes' story, which picks up here after the 93-year-old detective has retired from sleuthing to relax at his remote seaside cottage and care for his honey bees.

The year is 1947 and Holmes finds himself grappling with creaking bones, a failing memory and lingering unease over the unsolved case that forced him into retirement.

His only company is a short-tempered housekeeper, played by Laura Linney, and her young son, Roger, played by Milo Parker.

The boy can't hide his fascination with the famous detective and is soon drawn into the aging man's quest to solve a final mystery.

The 76-year-old McKellen needed a fair bit of makeup



Playing old is relatively easy.

Ian McKellen, 76, who portrays Sherlock Holmes from ages 60 to 93

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TWO 4 ONE

Comedy keeps it real with trans issues



Two 4 One stars Gavin Crawford as a transgender man who accidentally becomes pregnant. HANDOUT

**Steve Gow
For Metro**

For Gavin Crawford, winning an ACTRA Award for his performance in the new movie Two 4 One may be only half as important as the role itself.

"Anything that represents a more realistic depiction of what people's lives are like is a good thing," said the former This Hour Has 22 Minutes star recently. "You want to see yourself represented in the culture and if you don't, it can be a pretty isolating place."

In the comedy, Crawford portrays a transgender person who accidentally becomes pregnant — a character that the 44-year-old actor is proud to say has been welcomed by the trans community for its accuracy and respectful representation, while still drawing laughs.

"The more real you can make something, the more funny it is," said Crawford.

Portraying a woman who is almost fully transitioned into a man also proved to be a physical challenge for Crawford — who, while gay, says he certainly isn't "a voice for the trans community." Instead, to fully source the character's attributes, Crawford was pleased to find no shortage of pioneers to study online.

"Thanks to the Internet in this day and age, you can watch 10 different people documenting (taking) testosterone for five months," says the actor.

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Mr. Holmes is based on the 2005 novel A Slight Trick of the Mind by Mitch Cullin, and reimagines Sherlock as a real person whose cases were turned into bestselling novels by his friend and partner Dr. John Watson.

Ian McKellen is shown in a scene from Mr. Holmes. EONE FILMS/THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

22 MINUTES OF FAME

On one-off versus extended roles:

Although Crawford's eight-year tenure at This Hour Has 22 Minutes ended in 2011, the actor still has fond memories of the series that made him a star.

"I miss being able to create many different characters every week and throw them out there," recalled Crawford. "But I also enjoy being able to play one character for more than

one day so it's kind of a trade-off."

On his favorite 22 Minutes character:

"I always liked playing Mark Jackson," said Crawford of his nervous, acne-ridden teen correspondent character. "He comes from such an innocent place that it's always fun to step into that skin because you can kind of get away with anything."

As If explores the making of Clueless

TEEN CULT CLASSIC

Book reveals new details of iconic film

Emily Laurence
Metro

It's been 20 years since Clueless hit theatres, but the movie's clothes, slang and fashion still resonate.

To celebrate the anniversary of this iconic teen movie, journalist Jen Chaney rounded up the cast, crew and other crucial Clueless players to spill behind-the-scenes details.

All the juicy stories are in her new book *As If* (out June 7), but we couldn't resist spilling a few here.

Reese Witherspoon almost played Cher. And that's not the only surprising casting consideration. Ben Affleck almost got the role of Josh and Dionne's boyfriend Murray was almost played by Dave Chappelle. Was the casting director buggin' or what?

Another shocker who was almost cast: Angelina Jolie. Yep, she too was considered for the role of Cher, but in the end, Alicia Silverstone beat out everyone.

The clothing budget wasn't outlandish. What '90s girl didn't envy Cher's closet? But costume designer Mona May didn't want the girls to look like runway models; she wanted them to look like rats.

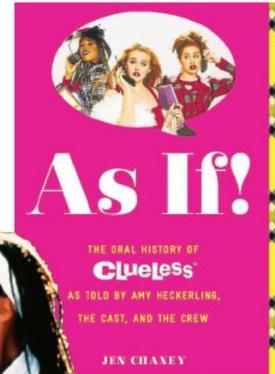
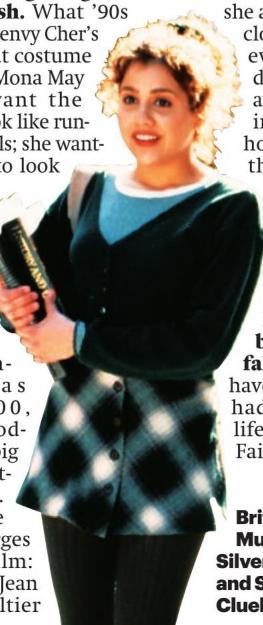
Her clothing budget for 63 outfit changes was \$200,000, quite modest for a big blockbuster film. One of the few splurges for the film: the plaid Jean Paul Gaultier

outfit Cher wore for the first day of school.

Alicia Silverstone got to keep that plaid outfit. Actually, she got to keep all her clothes from the movie. But she told Entertainment Weekly in 2012 that she actually gave most of the clothes away. She doesn't even have the red Alia dress anymore. It was auctioned off in London in 2000. The auction house doesn't have the exact selling amount, but believe it was sold for between £200 and £400.

Murray's braces were fake. "I did not have braces. I never had braces in my life," actor Donald Faison says in the

Brittany Murphy, left, Alicia Silverstone and Stacey Dash in Clueless. HANDOUT



to the fact that in the script, Cher didn't actually have a last name, so when Mr. Hall, played by Wallace Shawn, was handing out tardy slips, he had to improvise and called her Cher Horowitz. The last name stuck, but the report card prop wasn't switched out.

In real life, Brittany Murphy was the virgin who couldn't drive. One of the biggest burns in the movie is when Tai (Brittany Murphy) calls Cher a "virgin who can't drive," after Cher fails her driving test. But on the Clueless Blu-ray release, Murphy says when they filmed it, the dis could be made about her 17-year-old real-life self.

Director Amy Heckerling hasn't completely let go of Brittany Murphy. Murphy's untimely death in 2009 was felt by everyone she worked with in Clueless, many of which share their favourite memories of her in *As if*. Heckerling has her own special way of remembering her: "I have Brittany Murphy's silver Doc Martins that she wore to the dance," she says. "They fit me. I just like having a piece of her."

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Network pulls its most popular series

After weeks in limbo stemming from revelations of sexual misconduct by one of its stars, the TLC reality show 19 Kids and Counting is officially dead.

TLC is not moving forward with an 11th season of 19 Kids featuring the Duggars, whose show "will no longer appear on the air," the network told The Associated Press on Thursday.

"We spent the past month and a half in thoughtful consideration about what is the best way forward here," said Marjorie Kaplan, group president of TLC, Animal Planet and Velocity networks.

In a move to redirect the attention and public outcry, TLC also announced it has teamed with two prominent child-protection organizations for an ongoing campaign to raise awareness about child sexual abuse.

The multi-platform initiative will begin with a one-hour, commercial-free documentary likely



Duggar's show cancelled after decade-old reports of child molestation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TLC is faithfully committed to the children's ongoing comfort and well-being.

TLC

airing in late August, the network said. It will include the participation of Jill and Jessa Duggar, two of the sisters Josh Duggar touched inappropriately, as well as other survivors and families affected by such abuse.

"We look forward to working with TLC on this upcoming special documentary and hope

from the network in May when reports surfaced that 27-year-old Josh Duggar, the oldest child, had fondled four of his sisters and a babysitter a dozen years earlier, when he was a teenager. He has never been arrested or charged in connection with the molestations.

Josh Duggar apologized for unspecified actions on a Facebook post and resigned from the Family Research Council, a conservative Christian group, where he had worked as a lobbyist.

Two weeks later, the Duggar parents were interviewed on Fox News Channel, as were Jill and Jessa Duggar, who said they weren't aware the fondling had happened until Josh confessed years later and their parents told them about it.

The show had ended its 10th season when the scandal broke; Hulu quickly pulled it from its offerings. Kaplan admitted to having been "completely unaware" of the pervasiveness of child abuse.

"I have learned a lot about this issue since," she said, citing incidence figures as high as one among every 10 young people.

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RESPONSE

Excerpts from Thursday's statement posted by the Duggar family on Facebook

Years ago, when we were asked to film our first one-hour documentary about the logistics of raising 14 children, we felt that it was an opportunity to share with the world that children are a blessing and a gift from God.

With God's grace and help, Josh, our daughters and our entire family overcame a terrible situation, found healing and a way forward.

It is our prayer that the painful situation our family went through many years ago can point people toward faith in God and help others who also have lived through similar dark situations to find help, hope and healing, as well.

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Vittorio Colacitti of The Good Son has a small pantry at the entrance of his restaurant.
HANDOUT

Vittorio Colacitti opened The Good Son restaurant just over a year ago. To complement his eclectic menu featuring bold flavours and seasonal ingredients, the chef has a small pantry at the entrance.

"Essentially I wanted it to seem like a storefront for the restaurant ... and also, my family imports olive oil so that was kind of the driving force for it," said Colacitti, who finished in the top five in the final season of Food Network Canada's culinary contest show Top Chef Canada.

Colacitti uses the oil — made from olives grown at his father's grove in Italy — in his Toronto restaurant. When available, he sells it for \$20 for a half-litre.

He also imports and sells premium-grade loose-leaf teas from China, and offers takeout pizza, steak and ribs.

"It's a way of purveying great ingredients and adding to your brand recognition," he says.

"Not everybody wants to come in and sit down and have a meal, but to still have the option to experience great-quality ingredients, I think that that's something special."

Timing was an inadvertent key to the success of Milk Bar, which puts

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Some chefs, like Matt Dean Pettit of Rock Lobster restaurant with three locations in Toronto, have joined forces with large retailers.

Sobeys sells his Matty's Seafood brand, with products like lobster chowder, lobster and shrimp bisque and frozen lobster mac and cheese.

a playful spin on familiar home-style desserts and savoury snacks.

MasterChef judge and pastry chef Christina Tosi said she was motivated to open the first location in 2008 as a bakery with a fun environment where customers could pop in to grab a treat.

Milk Bar now has six locations in New York and one in Toronto, with another slated to open in Washington, D.C.

"I think that dessert was also just starting to get its own voice and have its own relevancy outside the context of a meal. And I think I was really fortunate with that."

Chef and restaurateur Mark McEwan, head judge on Top Chef Can-

ada, opened the 20,000-square-foot upscale food store McEwan in the outdoor Toronto mall Shops at Don Mills in 2009.

A second one is set to open in the downtown Toronto-Dominion Centre.

"I've always loved food retail, loved food service. We'd go on vacation and I'd be in and out of food stores, just always enjoyed the category," McEwan said in an interview at the recent Terroir Symposium for the hospitality industry.

"I always thought it would be a very nice fit and a natural fit for a chef to own a retail store. It was challenging, one of the hardest things I've ever done ... I didn't just do a little store — I did a big store."

Chef Ted Reader has been in the retail sector since he began working at Loblaw for President's Choice marketing expert Dave Nichol in the early 1990s.

The grilling guru has a line of barbecue sauces and seasoning rubs which he's planning to relaunch next year with new flavours and packaging.

"You've got to strike when the fire's hot. I've had product out for a number of years and I've got a good reputation," Reader said.

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PROGRESSIVE CHILDREN'S SHOWS

New shows like Steven Universe feature characters in same-sex relationships, increased bisexual, lesbian visibility and genderqueer narratives

Asia Ewart
Metro | New York

With the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning the country's remaining same-sex marriage bans, LGBT couples are inching ever closer to the same rights that heterosexual couples enjoy.

In fact, an increased LGBT presence has been on the fast track in what might be the unluckiest of places: children's television.

Cartoon Network and Nickelodeon, two of the most popular television networks for children's programs since 1992 and 1979, respectively, have taken a progressive route over the last couple of years and increased LGBT visibility in their programming.

We've rounded up four of the most popular cartoons currently at the forefront of LGBT visibility.



2013 - PRESENT

Steven Universe

(Cartoon Network) — **Topics addressed: Same-sex couples; same-sex attraction; a genderqueer character; bisexual visibility.** This cartoon is about a half-human, half-Gem (alien warrior) boy named Steven, who is raised primarily by three female presenting Gems. Show writer Matt Burnett has made it abundantly clear that two of the female Gems share romantic feelings.



2014 - PRESENT

Clarence

(Cartoon Network) — **Topics addressed: Same-sex couples.**

As one of Cartoon Network's newest shows, Clarence has been liberal with LGBT representation. Not only does one of the show's main characters have two mothers, but the series at one point almost featured what would have been Cartoon Network's first gay kiss. The episode briefly shows two men meeting for a blind date and was supposed to show the two kissing on the mouth in greeting, but was later altered to have the two kiss on the cheek.



2010 - PRESENT

Adventure Time

(Cartoon Network) — **Topics addressed: Same-sex couples; bisexual visibility.** Characters Princess Bubblegum and Marceline the Vampire Queen have received noteworthy attention in the show's fandom. While their on-screen chemistry has been of the cute and subtle variety, it was revealed that Bubblegum and Marceline used to date during a 2014 book signing with Olivia Olsen, who voices Marceline. This reveal also shows Marceline to be bisexual, as she dates a man at another point in the show.

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GoT reigns with 24 Emmy noms

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Nominations recognize diverse talent

The elaborate fantasy saga Game of Thrones received a leading 24 Emmy Awards nominations Thursday, its stature apparently untouched by backlash over a female character's rape scene.

The series is a contender again for top drama honours, an award that has eluded it since it debuted in 2011. TV academy voters rarely give shows in the sci-fi or other genres the ultimate accolade, with Lost among the rare exceptions.

The TV academy took a modest step toward recognizing TV's increasing embrace of diverse TV talent, giving best actress nods to black stars Taraji P. Henson for Empire and Viola Davis for How to Get Away with Murder.

"This is what it's supposed to be like. You should recognize actors and creative people in this industry from every level of all colours who do great work," Queen Latifah said.



Emilia Clarke, seen here in Game of Thrones, was nominated for an Emmy Award for outstanding supporting actress in a drama series for her role on the show. HBO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Possible history-making win

The nominations set up the possibility of a history-making win: An African-American actress has never won the top drama acting award. "I gotta win! I gotta win for history!" an exuberant Henson said in May when asked

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Queen Latifah

about the prospect during an "Empire" panel.

However, two-time nominee Kerry Washington, the black star of Scandal, was left out this year.

Family comedy "black-ish" earned an acting bid for star Anthony Anderson, but failed to gain a best series nomination.

Also snubbed: freshman hit hip-hop-family drama Empire, which was left out of the best drama series category, and series star Terrence Howard, who failed to get a best drama actor bid.

Instead, voters gave nods to favourites such as Mad Men star Jon Hamm, Kevin Spacey of House of Cards and newcomer Bob Odenkirk for Better Call Saul. The prequel to the now-concluded Breaking Bad earned a best drama bid in its first season out.

Gina Rodriguez, the standout Latina star of Jane the Virgin, failed to get a comedy acting nod despite winning a Golden Globe award for her performance.

The relatively expansive ethnic diversity that TV offers — compared to movies, which honoured only white actors this year — also is in play when it

BROADCAST TV

Demise of network dramas reflected in lack of Emmy nominations

Other top nominees are American Horror Story: Freak Show, with 19 nominations; TV movies Olive Kitteridge and Bessie, with 13 and 12 bids, respectively; and House of Cards, Mad Men and Transparent with 11 nominations.

The nominations reflect the steadily rising tide of cord-cutting networks. No commercial broadcast network drama made the cut for best series, with cable, streaming service Netflix and non-commercial PBS dividing up the spoils instead.

The Good Wife was the last broadcast nominee in the category, in 2011.

comes to sexuality. Transparent and Jeffrey Tambor's portrayal of a transsexual's life received best comedy series and acting bids. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANADIAN EMMY CONTENDERS

Tatiana Maslany finally gets nod for Orphan Black



Ahhhhh!!!
#notsnubbed

Amy Schumer wrote to Tatiana Maslany on Twitter, where the Orphan Black star was trending in the U.S.

actress in a drama series category.

Her Emmy competition includes Taraji P. Henson for Empire, Claire Danes for Home-

land, Robin Wright for House of Cards, Viola Davis for How to Get Away with Murder and Elisabeth Moss for Mad Men.

Maslany has earned legions of fans for portraying 10 clones with vastly different looks and personalities on the Space sci-fi hit, which also airs on BBC America.

Maslany was one of several Canadians nominated Thursday, with others including Semi Chellas, Jeremy Podeswa, Michael J. Fox and brothers Jeff and Mychael Danna.

Chellas, from Calgary, picked up her fifth Emmy nomination for Mad Men, in the best writing in a drama category. It's the fourth year in a row she earned a nomination.

Toronto-born Podeswa is nominated in the best direction in a drama category for his work on Game of Thrones.

Edmonton native Fox is nominated in the best guest actor in a drama category for his role on The Good Wife.

The Danna brothers, who grew up in Toronto, are nomi-

nated for two awards for the pilot episode of Tyrant. They're up for the best music composition for a series and best theme music awards.

It's the second Emmy nomination for Jeff, and the third for Mychael, who won an Emmy in 2013 and won an Oscar for the Life of Pi score.

Homegrown show Degrassi also picked up a nomination for best children's program.

The Emmys will be handed out on Sept. 20.

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Tatiana Maslany picked up her first Emmy nomination as she was named in the best TV actress in a drama category for Orphan Black.

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Lessons from Manitoulin Island

A bird's-eye view of Gore Bay, on Manitoulin Island in Northern Ontario. ISTOCK

CANADA

First Nations experience is intimate and enlightening

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

Learning about foreign cultures is often part of people's travel experience. However, I am not so sure that when Canadians

travel at home we are investing the same energy into discovering the cultures of our First Nations people.

A trip to Manitoulin Island earlier this summer made me realize those who do not work an element of aboriginal tourism into their vacation plans are missing out on something unique and wonderful.

Located in Northern Ontario, Manitoulin Island is a two-hour drive from Sudbury or a seven-hour journey from Toronto, including a ride aboard the MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry. When you arrive, you are aware that

something is different here; Small towns are surrounded by rugged natural beauty, permeated by a slower pace of life and a friendly warmth. It seems like every bakery, restaurant or gas station is named after its owner, allowing for an immediate connection with the person serving you.

Eight First Nation communities, all part of the larger Anishinabe nation, inhabit the island and the Sagamok region, which extends onto the mainland to the north. Together they make up the Great Spirit Circle Trail, which is not really

a trail, but rather a collection of attractions and activities offered to visitors, including a summer-long rotation of powwows.

The traditional powwows are a social and ceremonial celebration of life held over two days throughout the summer and are free of charge.

My Great Spirit experience started with a traditional smudging ceremony to bless

our day, led by local Ojibwe guide Steven Antoine. During a canoe trip on Lake Mindemoya, he shared with me the lore of the land, which included the creation of the "grandmother" island in the middle of the lake.

After our time on the water, we went on a medicine walk, where I learned the healing properties of various plants as well as some practical

tips; Cedar tea is delicious and white birch bark will remove sticky sap from your skin.

My favourite experience was Steven teaching me how to make my own drum out of deer hide. The drum, I learned, is the one common element among all First Nations people across Canada, representing the heartbeat of Mother Earth.

After a day of doing and learning, I felt slightly humbled, but more embarrassed — why had I waited this long to experience a fascinating culture that is an integral part of our country?

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Nova Scotia's 'secret' beaches

CANADA

Author finds wild stretches 'nobody really goes to'

In his new book *Beaches of Nova Scotia*, biologist Allan Billard profiles 27 stretches of sand, some of which receive surprisingly few visitors.

Lawrencetown, for example, about 40 minutes east of Halifax, boasts almost 2 kilometres of clean, hard sand but "can be a lonely beach, even on a hot summer day," Billard writes.

Taylor Head, a rugged spot on the Eastern Shore, and South Side Beach, "a stretch of paradise" 80 kilometres from Yarmouth, are similarly underappreciated.

"We've got very wild, natural beaches that nobody really goes to," Billard, 66, said in a telephone interview from his home in Fall River, N.S.

REPORT

Tourism abroad is up

International tourist arrivals were up 4 per cent in the first four months of 2015, according to a new report from the United Nations World Tourism Organization.

The WTO said most regions experienced "strong growth" and forecasts for May to August are "upbeat, with close to 500 million tourists expected to travel abroad during these four months."

The WTO report said there were some 332 million overnight visitors between January and April 2015, 16 million more than the same period last year. The increase is part of a long-term trend. International tourist arrivals have been up 4.5 per cent a year on average since 2010.

Oceania and South America experienced the strongest increases this year, both over 8 per cent, followed by the Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe, both more than 7 per cent. The WTO said "limited data" for January-April arrivals in Africa suggest a 6 per cent decline there attributable to concern over Ebola.

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How do Nova Scotia beaches compare with great beaches elsewhere?

Our shoreline is beautiful and our oceans are clean and our beaches are some of the finest in the world. People think of Hawaii and Florida because they've got a 12-month beach season and we don't, but in August and September our beaches can rival anything like that.

Which beaches are best for families?

I really like Sand Hills (on the South Shore) because it's so gentle. The tide goes out forever, and then when it comes back in it's warmed up over the sun-warmed sand. And there are no crashing waves, so it's a great place for toddlers to poke around in ankle-deep water. Rissers Beach near Bridgewater is also really popular — and LaHave Bakery, a Nova Scotia icon, is just around the corner.

What kinds of treasures can beachcombers pick up, and where?

There are an awful lot of living rooms in Nova Scotia that have two or three sand dollars on the coffee table. Lots of people have sharks' teeth and whale vertebrae. Blomidon Beach is kind of cool for amethyst and agate. Martinique is particularly good for sand dollars, and Mavillette on the Bay of Fundy is good for clam shells.

What is it about ripple patterns in sand that fascinates you?

When the tide goes out — way out in some cases in Nova Scotia — you can walk for 500, 600, 700 metres and it's almost hard on your feet because you're walking on what is like a corrugated roof. The ripple pattern on one beach will be very different from that on another beach. Sometimes the ripples are horizontal to the



Beachcombers favour Martinique Beach for its good collection of sand dollars, says biologist Allan Billard, author of the new book *Beaches of Nova Scotia*. DONNA BARNETT VIA THE CANADIAN PRESS

water line. And sometimes you get cusps that look like big fans.

What is your favourite Nova Scotia beach and why?

I was just blown away by Aspy Bay. It's way up in northern Cape Breton. The sand is golden, the beach is eight kilometres long, and

when the wind is off the land it's really warm and gorgeous. You can hardly see any houses or people. It's so wild and so natural.

Any tips for visitors looking to explore beaches in the province this summer?

Don't expect to be visited by someone selling beer, ice cream or T-shirts — ain't

gonna happen. If you're going to the beach, take what you need and bring it all back because there's nothin' there. Don't be afraid that you'll find a do-not-enter sign — the beaches are all public. And for my money, August and September make a lot more sense than June and July because of our weather. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tiergarten beer garden.

DOUG WALLACE

1 Visit a beer garden

The stereotyping is real: Beer-drinking on picnic tables is a national pastime. What's great about this tradition is both the simplicity and the inclusivity, with everyone from university kids to retirees hunkering down to plates of hearty fare, mugs in hand. Nowhere is that more evident than at Café am Neuen See in the heart of the Tiergarten Park, a romantic lakeside retreat in the middle of town — and one of the best spots to people-watch. CafeAmNeuenSee.de



Arena Berlin and Badeschiff floating pool bar. PHILIP KOSCHEL

2 Stay up late

Hip Berliners step out around midnight. The Kreuzberg area's Watergate nightclub, at the south end of the Oberbaum Bridge, has dance floors both inside and outside, with an amazing view of the River Spree. Be sure to do both sides of the river, crossing north into the Friedrichshain district to Revaler Street, which is teeming with clubs and bars. An outdoor concert at Arena Berlin in front the Badeschiff beach bar makes for a perfect summer night. VisitBerlin.de



The New Museum. DOUG WALLACE



The shops at Hackesche Höfe. DOUG WALLACE



Strandbad Wannsee. WOLFGANG SCHOLVIEK

3 Step back in time

While Berlin itself is very in tune with its past, Museum Island is really steeped in history. Much of this five-museum complex has been cleverly restored since the Second World War, and now houses centuries of priceless art and cultural artifacts. The New Museum holds Early History collections and Egyptian treasures, including the famous 3,300-year-old bust of Nefertiti, while the Pergamonmuseum features reconstructions of massive archeological structures. SMB.museum

4 Get some retail therapy

For shopping, head to the Kurfürstendamm, one of the most elegant boulevards in the city, lined with all the big-name shops. Rounding the corner onto Tautenstrasse, you'll soon hit the Kaufhaus des Westens (KaDeWe), the largest department store in Europe. Find time to also visit the Friedrichstrasse and the Hackesche Höfe, a series of interconnected courtyards north of the River Spree that date back to the early 1900s. Kurfuerstendamm.de, Friedrichstrasse.de, Hackesche-Hoefe.com.

5 Hit the beach

Almost one-third of Berlin is either parkland or water, so it would be a shame not to take advantage of it. Rent a bike and head southwest over to the Strandbad Wannsee on the eastern shore of Wannsee Lake, the largest inland beach in Europe at more than 1,000 metres long. Find waterslides, boat rentals, volleyball, soccer, trampolines and private cabanas. This Cultural Heritage site has been packing them in for more than 100 years — including the nude bathing section.

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PAN AM 2015

Li tops doubles partner in all-Canadian singles final

They are training partners, doubles teammates and good friends. But when Markham's Michelle Li and Toronto's Rachel Honderich faced each other across a badminton net Thursday — a gold medal on the line — they were the fiercest of rivals.

That's a role they don't play particularly well; they just have too much respect for each other. At 23, Li is the veteran and was favoured going into the final at the Pan Am Centre in her hometown of Markham. Honderich, 19, was the underdog, and at their hotel the night before, kidded her mentor that she was going to tamper with Li's racquet.

"I said I was going to cut her strings," Honderich said with a laugh. She was also threatening to wake Li up in the middle of the night to deprive her of sleep.

"I joked about it," Honderich said, "but I didn't go through with it."

In the end, no clever shot — or practical joke — would keep Li from her second consecutive Pan Am Games gold singles medal.

In front of a packed and enthusiastic crowd of 1,000, Li shook off minor ankle and knee ailments to post a 21-15, 21-9



Rachel Honderich
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Michelle Li lunges to hit a return to fellow Canadian Rachel Honderich during their singles final in Markham on Thursday. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

victory in 26 minutes to take the gold, as Honderich settled for silver.

"To be able to win that in front of my friends and family, and my teachers from elementary school who I haven't seen for 10 years, I think that makes it really special," Li said.

There was no talk before the match about building competitive tension. The mentor and student — who together won

a bronze in women's doubles earlier this week — even sat beside each other at breakfast.

"For each of our matches leading up to this, we're always there, warming up for each other, so we stuck to the same plan," Honderich said.

Coming into the final, Li carried a 3-0 margin in head-to-head matches. The last time they played each other was in the 2014 Pan American badminton cham-

pionships in Markham, when Li swept to gold with 21-13, 21-16 victory.

Li and Honderich will now prepare for singles at the world badminton championships in Jakarta, Indonesia, in August.

Honderich, Ottawa's Andrew D'Souza and the mixed team of Toronto's Alex Bruce and Vancouver's Toby Ng took silver on Thursday. There were also two bronze medals in women's doubles (semifinal losers are both awarded bronze, so along with Li and Honderich, Bruce and her partner Phyllis Chan also won medals).

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I did yell to pump myself up, but I try not to fist-pump against Rachel.

Michelle Li

MORE GAMES

Canada golden in women's tennis and wrestling

Gaby Dabrowski and Carol Zhao added another gold medal to Canada's tally, taking first place in women's doubles tennis on Thursday night.

They beat Mexico's Victoria Rodriguez and Marcela Zácaras in three sets.

In women's wrestling, Genevieve Morrison won gold

in the freestyle 48 kilogram division, beating Peru's Thalia Mallqui.

DQ strips West Vancouver's Overholt of Games record

A Canadian was disqualified at the women's 400-metre individual medley final for a "non-simultaneous" wall touch.

Emily Overholt of West

Vancouver, B.C., appeared to win gold in a Pan Am record time of four minutes 35.33 seconds but officials ruled that her hands did not touch the wall at the same time during the breaststroke turn.

U.S. team wins silver medal following protest

Canada was bumped down to a bronze medal in the men's

800-metre freestyle relay after a successful protest by the United States.

American Michael Weiss raced Wednesday with tape wrapped around fingers he'd injured during the 200-metre freestyle earlier in the night. FINA rules state no tape can be worn unless approved by the Sport Medicine Committee.

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Canadian sprint cyclists top podium

The Canadians men's and women's sprint teams took double gold in the first day of track cycling at the Cisco Milton Pan Am/Parapan Am Velodrome.

Hugo Barrette of Cap-aux-Meules, Que., Victoria's Evan

Carey and Joseph Veloce of St. Catharines, Ont., edged Venezuela in 44.241 seconds in the men's race.

Kate O'Brien and Monique Sullivan topped Cuba in 33.959 seconds in the women's team sprint. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Hugo Barrette, front, Evan Carey and Joseph Veloce were victorious in the men's team sprint. EZRA SHAW/GTY IMAGES

Redblacks look to get back at unwelcome Eskimos

CFL

Ottawa seeks revenge after last week's loss in Edmonton

The Ottawa Redblacks would love nothing more than a little retribution.

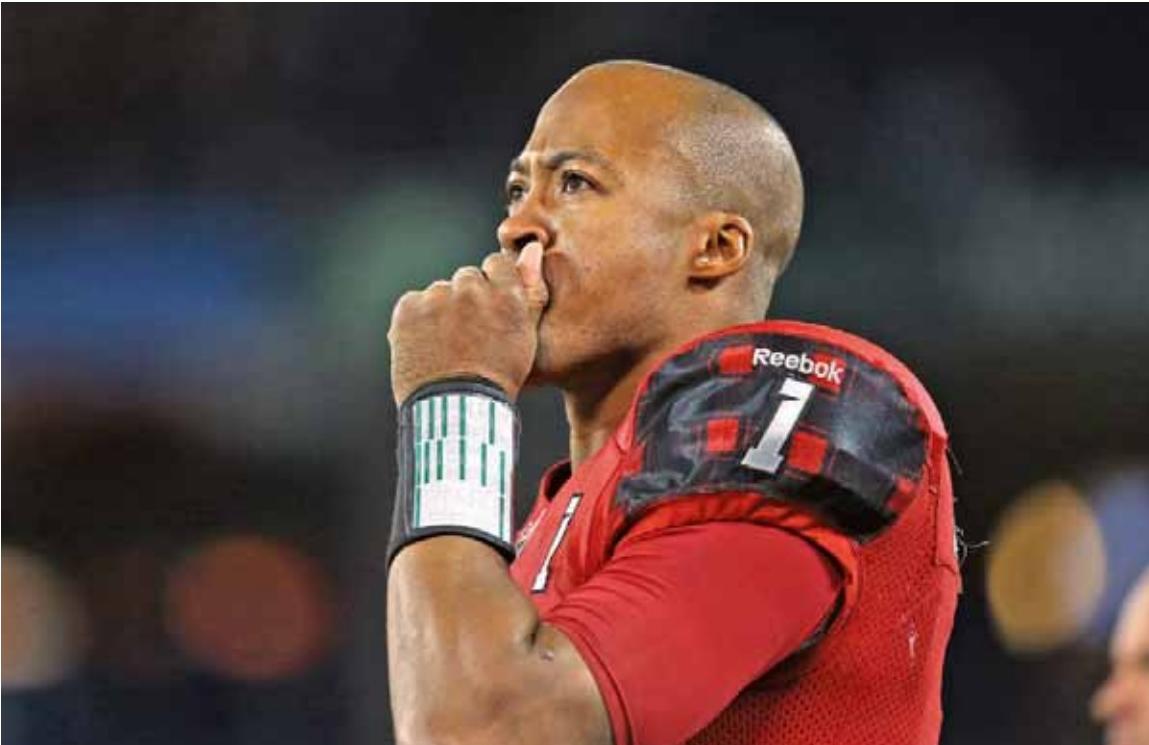
After suffering an embarrassing 46-17 loss to Edmonton last week the Redblacks couldn't be happier to be host the Eskimos on Friday night at TD Place.

There were few positives taken from the lopsided loss, but after a week of solid practice the Redblacks (2-1) say they're ready for the rematch. Ottawa will need to be better in nearly every area as bad decisions, missed opportunities and penalties were the theme of last week's loss.

"We've been watching film and it's really been pissing a lot of us off," said QB Henry Burris. "They made us look bad last week. We want to make sure we come out and play the type of game we know we can play and we didn't do that last week."

Despite winning the first two games of the season many wondered if Ottawa could be taken seriously as a contender. The Redblacks say in no way should last week's performance dictate who they are as a team and while they don't want to put too much emphasis on one game they know Friday's performance will have a significant impact.

"What it comes down to is how we react to difficulty and how we overcome it, is what this game is going to be about," said defensive lineman Keith Shologan. "It's kind of going to define who we are right now as



Henry Burris and the Ottawa Redblacks host the Edmonton Eskimos on Friday night. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

a team. The season's a long season, 18 games, and you don't know a team until week nine so we're still building and it's still a process, but this is going to be a big challenge for us just because of what happened last week."

With a number of young players on its roster the Redblacks know youth and inexperience will play a factor in games, but Burris says last week's loss will be worth it if it helps create this team's identity and he's excited to see how they respond.

"We felt last week's game was

an anomaly to what we truly are," said Burris. "We know we can bounce back from it. This team is unfazed."

The Redblacks give Edmonton (1-1) full credit for the win, but at the same time plan on making things a lot more difficult for the Eskimos.

"We know we're going to have a better effort this week to beat them," said Ottawa head coach Rick Campbell. "If our guys play the way they typically play it should be a good, close game (Friday) night." THE CANADIAN PRESS

WEEK 4 PICK



Eskimos at Redblacks, Friday, 5 p.m.

Edmonton (1-1) looks to sweep the home-and-home series after downing Ottawa 46-17 in Alberta last

week. The loss was the first of the season for the Redblacks (2-1) as starter Henry Burris was 20-of-36 passing for just 162 yards and an interception. Matt Nichols, replacing the injured Mike Reilly, completed 12-of-21 passes for 212 yards and three TDs for the Eskimos, who led 36-11 at halftime.

Pick: Edmonton

NHL

Ribeiro settles sex assault lawsuit

Predators centre Mike Ribeiro and his wife have settled a lawsuit in which their nanny accused the player of sexual assault.

An arbitrator met July 6 for eight hours before settling the lawsuit. His report was entered Wednesday in the Eastern District of the U.S. District Court in Texas.

The settlement came as an amended complaint was filed June 18 providing more details to her lawsuit. The complaint



Mike Ribeiro
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detailed allegations of an assault in August 2012 when the then-18-year-old woman helped the Ribeiro family settle into their new home in McLean, Va., after working as their babysitter for six years while he played for the Dallas Stars.

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NHL IN BRIEF

Oilers sign forward Pitlick

Forward Tyler Pitlick and the Edmonton Oilers agreed to terms on a one-year contract on Thursday.

Pitlick, 23, split the 2014-15 season with the Oilers and the AHL Oklahoma City. He appeared in 17 games with Edmonton, scoring twice. Pitlick had nine points, including three goals, in 14 games with Oklahoma City.

Pitlick has three goals in 27 career National Hockey League games.

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TOUR DE FRANCE

Froome still leads after the Pyrenees

One mountain range completed, one more to go.

Only the Alps loom as the last major obstacle between Chris Froome and a second Tour de France victory in Paris.

His rivals tried and failed to make the British rider and his super-strong Sky team wilt on the last day of climbing in the Pyrenees on Thursday, on Stage 12 won by Joaquim Rodriguez of Spain, who gritted his teeth in driving rain on the final climb for his second stage win.

"There are only a certain amount of opportunities before we get to Paris," Froome said. "We've just got to expect everything to be thrown at us."

But to get to the 2013 champion, Froome's rivals must first get past his teammates. And that is a problem. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA

Indicted official extradited to the U.S.

One of the seven FIFA officials arrested in Zurich as part of a corruption probe has been extradited to the United States, the Swiss Justice Ministry said Thursday.

The Federal Office of Justice said the man, whom it did not identify, was extradited on Wednesday after 50 days of detention in Switzerland.

"He was handed over to a three-man U.S. police escort in Zurich who accompanied him on the flight to New York," the ministry said in a statement.

The official agreed last week to be extradited, unlike six others who are fighting extradition.

The extradition hearings are being held by Zurich cantonal (state) police in a process expected to finish by early September, Swiss justice office spokesman Raphael Frei told the Associated Press on Thursday. Appeals to Switzerland's federal criminal court and supreme court can extend the cases by several months.

The extradited man is accused of "accepting bribes totalling millions of dollars in connection with the sale of marketing rights to various sports marketing firms and keeping the money for himself," the justice office said last week.

All seven men were arrested on May 27 in dawn raids on a luxury hotel in Zurich by Swiss federal police at the request of American federal agencies.

They include FIFA vice-president Jeffrey Webb of the Cayman Islands and former FIFA vice-president Eugenio Figueredo of Uruguay. Both have been suspended from football duty by FIFA's ethics committee.

A total of 14 men — nine football officials and five marketing executives — were indicted by the U.S. Department of Justice in May.

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SECRET

FIFA's ethics committee wants to lift secrecy rules that protect accused officials from being identified and keep case details private.

Fighting back against rules imposed by FIFA's scandal-hit executive committee in 2012, ethics prosecutor Cornel Borbely and judge Joachim Eckert said Thursday that more openness would help curb offending.



Chris Froome
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Spieth, Johnson battle again

BRITISH OPEN

Jordan two off leader Dustin in repeat of U.S. Open face off

Jordan Spieth played like he had a Grand Slam to win. Dustin Johnson played like he had a score to settle.

The two main characters from Chambers Bay brought their games across eight time zones and an ocean Thursday and set the tone at St. Andrews for what could be another riveting battle at the British Open.

Spieth quickly seized on his opportunity for a third straight major with six birdies in his first 11 holes, fought through a chilly wind on the inward nine and closed with a birdie for a 5-under 67 that put him two shots out of the lead.

Johnson, whose three-putt from 12 feet on the final hole cost him a shot at the U.S. Open, looked as daunting as ever. He simply overpowered the Old Course with such force that he hit wedge into 10 of the par 4s and had an eagle putt on another. With a pair of big par saves on the tough closing holes, he played bogey-free for a 65 and for at least a day made good on a warning he made earlier in the week.

Asked about Spieth's chances to sweep the four majors, Johnson said, "Well, I'm playing the next two so we'll have to see."

"Guys have been shooting good numbers," said Woods, a two-time Open champion at St. Andrews. "Unfortunately I did not do that." Instead, he was headed for a missed cut for the third time in his last four

HARDEST HOLE

The Road Hole, the 17th, was by far the toughest hole on the Old Course, playing closer to a par 5 than a par 4. No one made a birdie on the hole, but Dustin Johnson was one of 53 players who managed to make par on his way to the first-round lead.

Paul Lawrie and two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen. Jason Day, coming off his scary bout with vertigo symptoms at the U.S. Open, was back on his feet and back in the hunt. Most impressive from that group were Zach Johnson and Danny Willett, who posted their scores as the temperature dropped and wind stiffened late in the afternoon.

Spieth was joined at 67 by Louis Oosthuizen, the last Open champion at St. Andrews.

"If D.J. keeps driving it the way he is, then I'm going to have to play my best golf to have a chance," Spieth said. The real test might come from the weather.

Spieth and Johnson got a break by playing in the morning when St. Andrews was ripe for scoring — 10 of the top 12 scores came from that side of the draw. That didn't help Tiger Woods, who hit into the Swilcan Burn on the opening hole, made only one birdie and shot 76.

Rickie Fowler, coming off a victory in the Scottish Open, said the final seven holes were "hanging on for dear life." He made two bogeys, one eagle and 15 pars for a 72.

The forecast was for rain early Friday and wind calming as it clears, followed by stronger gusts in the afternoon. Saturday could have gusts approaching 40 mph. Spieth already has shown at the Masters and U.S. Open that power isn't everything. And while he laid back on several holes — Johnson's tee shots were on aver-

age 36 yards longer — Spieth can score.

He birdied four of the first six holes with putts inside 12 feet and took a share of the lead with a 10-foot putt on the par-3 11th. His main mistake came in bunkers.

Not many can appreciate the route Spieth is taking. Only five other players since 1934 have

won the first two majors of the year. Only Ben Hogan has won the Masters, U.S. Open and British Open in the same year. No one has won all four.

The key for Spieth in the first round was to stay close, and that's what he did — not in driving distance, but by score, which ultimately is all that matters.

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USA's Dustin Johnson and Jordan Spieth, paired together for the first round, are again in a duel in the early stages of the year's third major. Johnson missed a putt to hand Spieth the US Open title in June. STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES



Leader Dustin Johnson tees off on the 2nd hole during the first round at St. Andrews. The athletic American has been out-hitting Spieth off the tee by 36 yards ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

CFL

Alouettes top Ticats 17-13 in defensive battle

Rookie quarterback Rakeem Cato found S.J. Green with a touchdown pass and the Montreal Alouettes downed the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 17-13 in a defensive CFL struggle on Thursday in Montreal.

Boris Bede had three field goals and a single for Montreal (2-2), which has not lost at home to the Tiger-Cats in 18 games since Oct. 20, 2002. Ray Holley scored his first career touchdown and Jason Medlock had a pair of field goals for Hamilton (1-2).

The Ticats led 10-7 during a flag-filled first half in which neither team moved the ball consistently.

A Jonathan Hefney interception gave Montreal a glittering chance in the second half, but the Hamilton defence stopped them on three plays from the one for a turnover on downs. The Ticats couldn't switch the momentum and Montreal marched back for a 42-yard Bebe boot, but Medlock topped that with a 53-yard field goal with eight seconds left in the half. Then Cato mounted a nine-play 87-yard drive leading to a TD throw on the run 20 yards to Green to put Montreal in the lead 14-10. Bede added a 27-yard boot 9:48 into the fourth quarter.

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American Jordan Spieth on his British Open and Grand Slam chances

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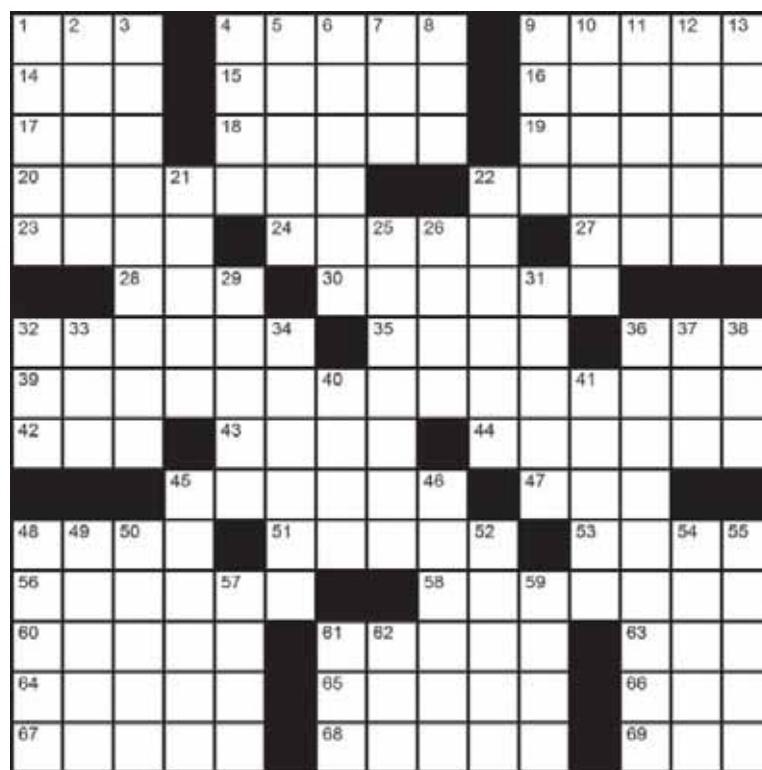
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14. Towel holder
15. Sporty rock concert venue
16. Major artery
17. In the past
18. Straight_
19. Carbonated beverages
20. As per #39-Across... Matthew Cuthbert's sister
22. Cakes creators
23. Barenaked Ladies song
24. Wet with a gardening hose
27. Like ballpoints
28. Super _ (Old video game console by Nintendo, commonly)
30. __ an idea (Persueade about a course of action, for example)
32. "...pain, __" (Bodybuilder's mantra)
35. __ I say, not..."
36. Neg. opposite
39. Montreal-born "Anne of Green Gables" actress who played the character at #20-Across: 2 wds.
42. Demure
43. Merriment
44. Gown and cap wearer
45. Do additional lawn work
47. Barley bristle
48. Sole spot
51. Root used in perfumes
53. Bounced-back sound
54. Scottish pattern
55. Do additional lawn work
57. Raspberry __
60. Prognosticate
61. Competently
63. A.A. Milne play, Mr. __ Passes By
64. Gawk
65. Particular purple
66. "Much __ About Nothing" (1993)
67. Reddish-brown



10. Check up on/take a peek: 2 wds.
11. "Insensitive" singer Jann
12. Barren
13. Cheeky
21. Pretty perfect
22. Community regulations regarding fences, pools, trees, etc.
25. Alberta city: 2 wds.
26. "Wake Me Up" singer Mr. Blacc
29. Warfare attack
31. Ice Cube, aka Jackson
32. __-1701 (U.S.S. Enterprise marking)
33. Ghost's sound!
34. Mr. Mandela
36. School bigwig
37. Bear, in Barcelona
38. Gibraltar, e.g.
40. __-do-well
41. Not married
45. Bring back
46. Declaration
48. Cache
49. Fashion: __ couture
50. Hockey game instrument
52. Crack
54. __ Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands, now)
55. Edward James __ "Battlestar Galactica" star
57. Domain
59. Deli loaves
61. Grammy competitor, commonly
62. BC's li'l ocean

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
What you want to do and what you have to do will be two different things today, but there is no point getting annoyed because others have the upper hand. It won't be long before the roles are reversed.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your reputation seems to be heading south in some people's eyes. What have you done to turn them against you? Probably no more than to tell the truth about something they feel strongly about.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will find it exceedingly easy to guess what people are planning over the next 24 hours. Add to that the promptings of your inner voice and you can't go wrong.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
It may feel as if time is running out, that if you don't make a move soon you will miss out on an opportunity. But the planets urge you to be aware there are no shortcuts to success.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Things that made no sense to you at all a short while ago will make perfect sense today and over the weekend and by the time the Sun moves in your favor on the 23rd you will wonder why you found it so hard to get your head in gear.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
By all means help a friend if they are in trouble today but don't cover up for them. The most important thing now is that they come clean about their mistakes.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is still time to do something dramatic, something that impresses those in positions of power, so get to it. You may not want to be the centre of attention but it goes with the territory.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The planets warn that certain people will try to bully you into abandoning ideas and opinions that mean a lot to you — and you must fight them every inch of the way.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today's events will manoeuvre you in a direction you are not sure you want to go. According to the planets it is not only the right thing for you but, deep down, you know it is too, so don't fight it too hard.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your needs and desires have not been satisfied to any great extent in recent weeks but be of good cheer. In a matter of days you will get the chance to make up for lost time. Today though you should let others have their own way.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
One day soon you will look back and laugh at the things you allowed yourself to get worked up about. That day will come quicker if you refuse to give in to the emotional side of your nature.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun remains in the most creative and dynamic area of your chart only until the 23rd, so there is still time to do something amazing but you have got to be quick.

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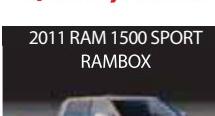
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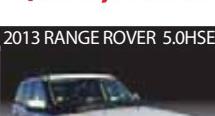
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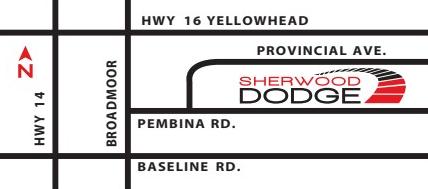
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